YOUNG KING COMICS

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水上悟志

FLASH

FWOOSH
WHERE'S YOSUKE?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BATTLE?
YOUR TAIL SEEMS QUITE HAPPY.
GEN-ERAL-ISSI-MO...
SHUT UP!
HE'S REVIVED, TOO!
CURSE HIM!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
TAKA-TORI-SAN'S BACK, TOO?
FLASH
WHAT?
HE WENT OUTSIDE AND EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE SEALING DEVICE'S FIELD?
YOU THREE EARTH-LINGS GET BACK!

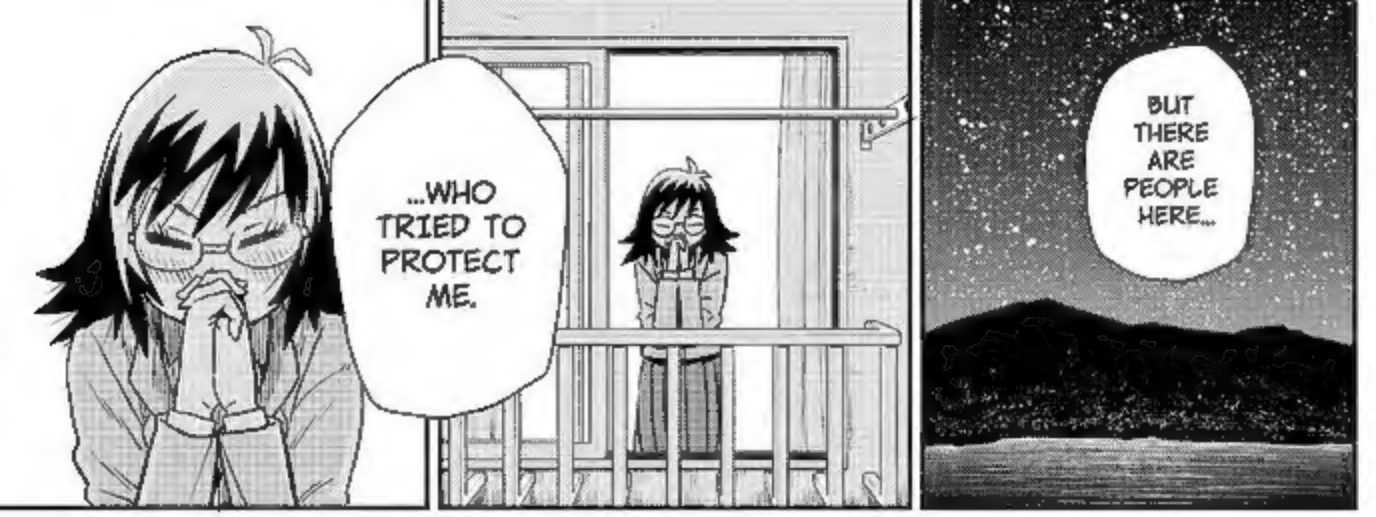
...THE BIG ONE!
I'LL DEFEAT...

W...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER!
...

NEBULA SOLDIER!
TELL ME.
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
WHY DO YOU FIGHT?

I THOUGHT YOUR BATTLE WAS OVER.

YEAH.
THIS ISN'T MY PLANET.
AND I DON'T WANT VENGEANCE ON HIM.

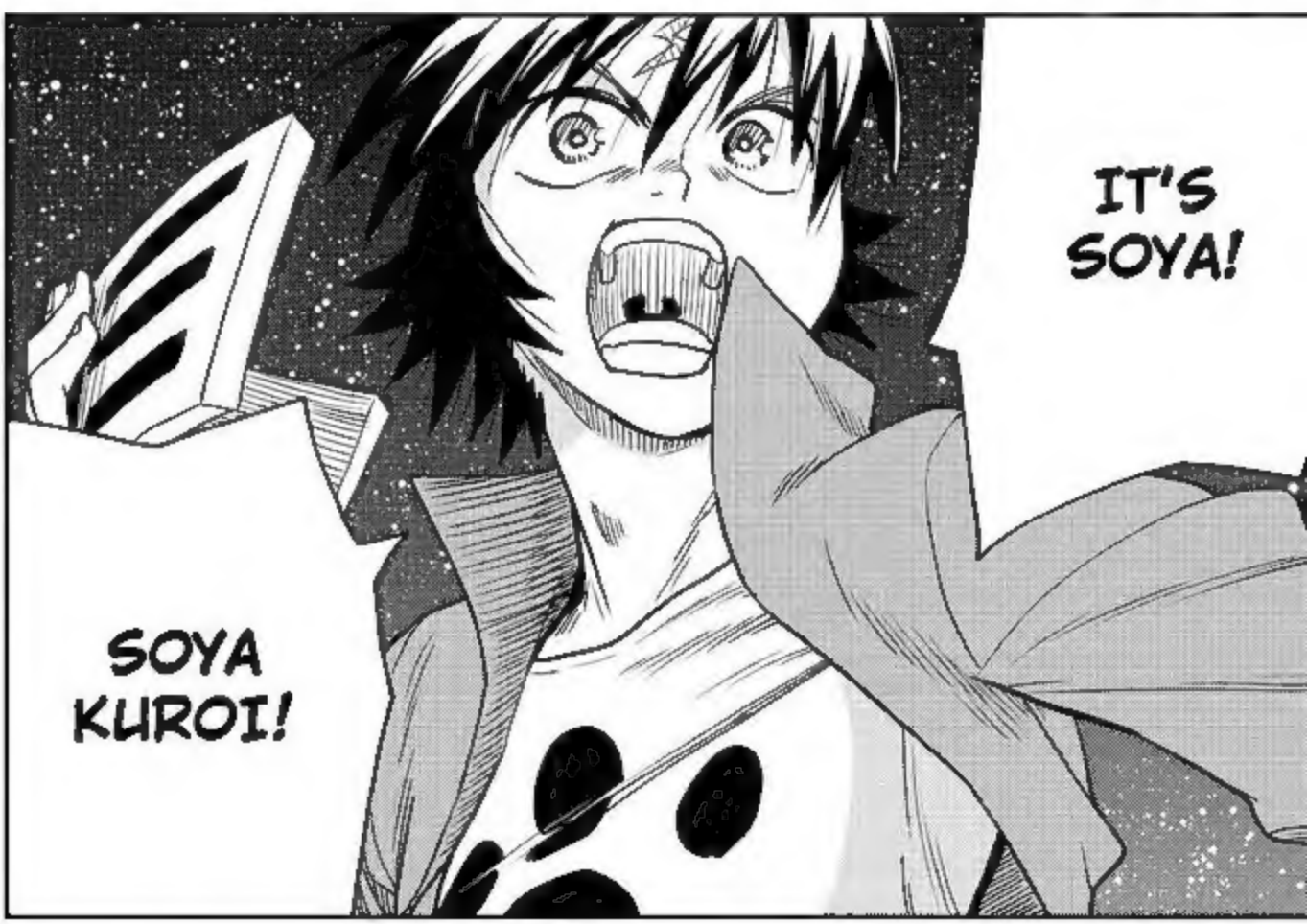

...WHO TRIED TO PROTECT ME.
BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE...

WHO SAVED ME.

THAT'S ALL!
I WANT TO BE ON THE SIDE OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ON MY SIDE!

SHOES ?
I SHOULD HAVE SAID IT A LONG TIME AGO, BUT THANKS FOR THE SHOES.
I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU.

MY NAME'S NOT NEBULA SOLDIER!
AND...


IT'S SOYA!
SOYA KUROI!

IT'S A LITTLE LATE,
BUT I'M TAKING YOU UP ON YOUR OFFER OF A WAR!
SEALING FACTION!

MEOW!
SENSEI!
WE'RE THE WARRIORS OF THE NEBULA PACIFIST FACTION!
BWOOM
AND GINKO KUROI!

AND SOYA KUROI!
THUD
SPLASH
MEOW!
IF YOU WANT AN ALL-OUT WAR, YOU'VE GOT IT!
FWOOM

POP
SPACE-SHIP, BATTLE MODE!
WHIRL
CHOMP
SPIN
RUMBLE

THUD

FOOM

SPLASH

SPLASH

LET'S GO!
MEOW!

STOMP
SPLASH
W-WHY DID YOU GO MEOW?

SLAM
CLANG
STAY OUT
OF EARTH'S PROBLEMS, ALIENS!

NEED TO BE...
EARTH-LINGS...

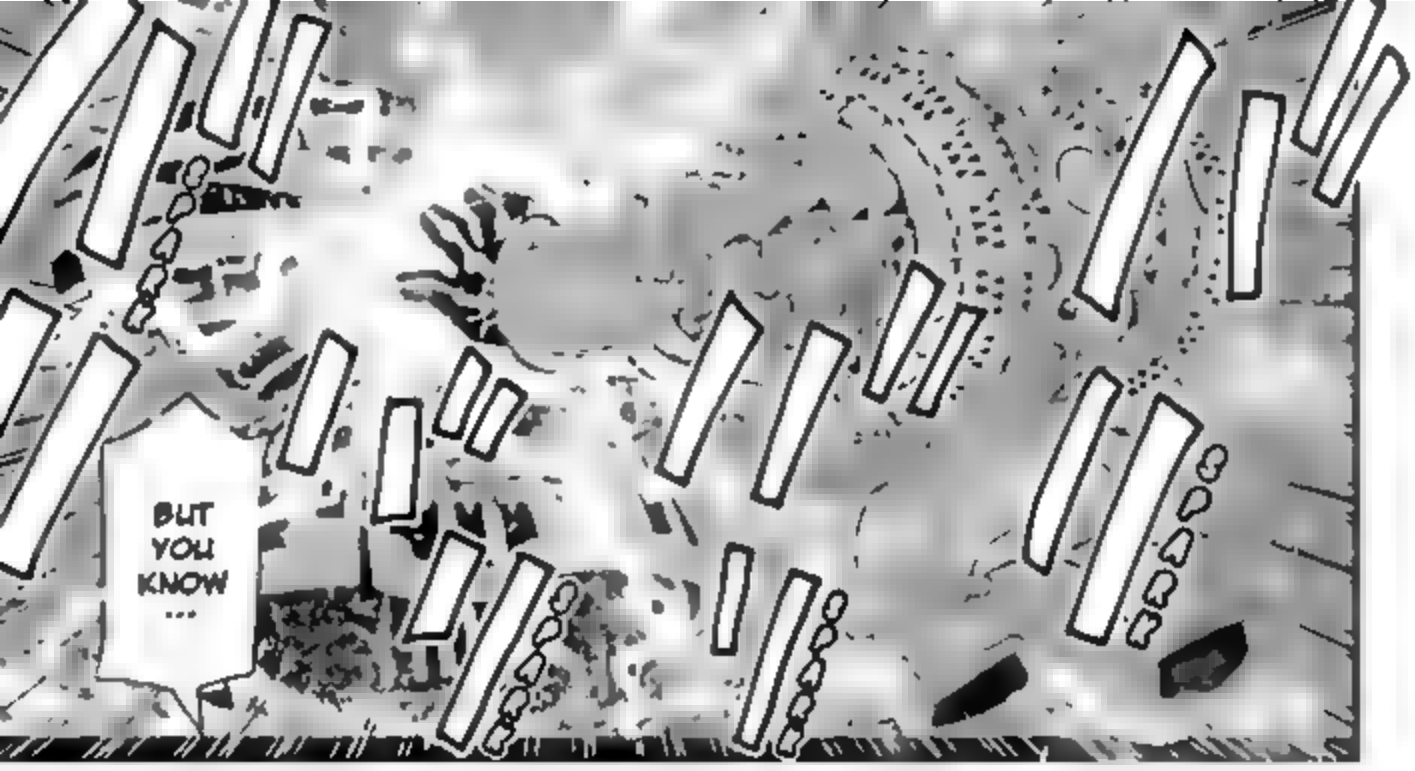
SEALED!
SLAM

THE PAIN
OF LOSING MY BROTHER...
ME AND BENIKA BOTH!

SLAM
..CAN ONLY BE ESCAPED
IN OUR DREAMS!

C.
R.
A.
S.
H!
SPLASH

IT HURTS, DOESN'T IT?
YOU LOST YOUR BROTHER TOO, HUH?


BUT YOU KNOW ...

THE REALITY, WHERE WE HAVE NO PLACE TO GO HOME TO...
NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL IT IS,
THE PAST IS THE PAST!

...IS WHERE WE BELONG!

POW

GAH!

I'M HERE!
RIGHT NOW...

...IS RIGHT NOW!
AND ALL I HAVE...

...THAT THE PEOPLE WHO I SHARE THIS MOMENT WITH...
AND I'VE REAL-IZED...

...WILL KEEP ON SAVING ME!

SENSEI!

GINKO!

HERE I GO!

TERA CAT...

SPLASH

SLAM

BOOM

SLAM

-ARMADA

I'M DONE FOR, I GUESS.
OH...
I'M SO HIGH UP...
MY PSYCHO-KINETIC ARMOR!
GAH!
!
GRIP
NOT LIKE IT MAT-TERS...
WELL, THAT'S FINE.
BENI-KA?!
B...
I'M SORRY FOR EVERY-THING.
YO-SUKE...

WHAT ARE YOU APOLO-GIZING FOR, BENI-KA?
A LOT.
ARE YOU WATCH-ING,
BOSS OF THE SEALING FACTION?

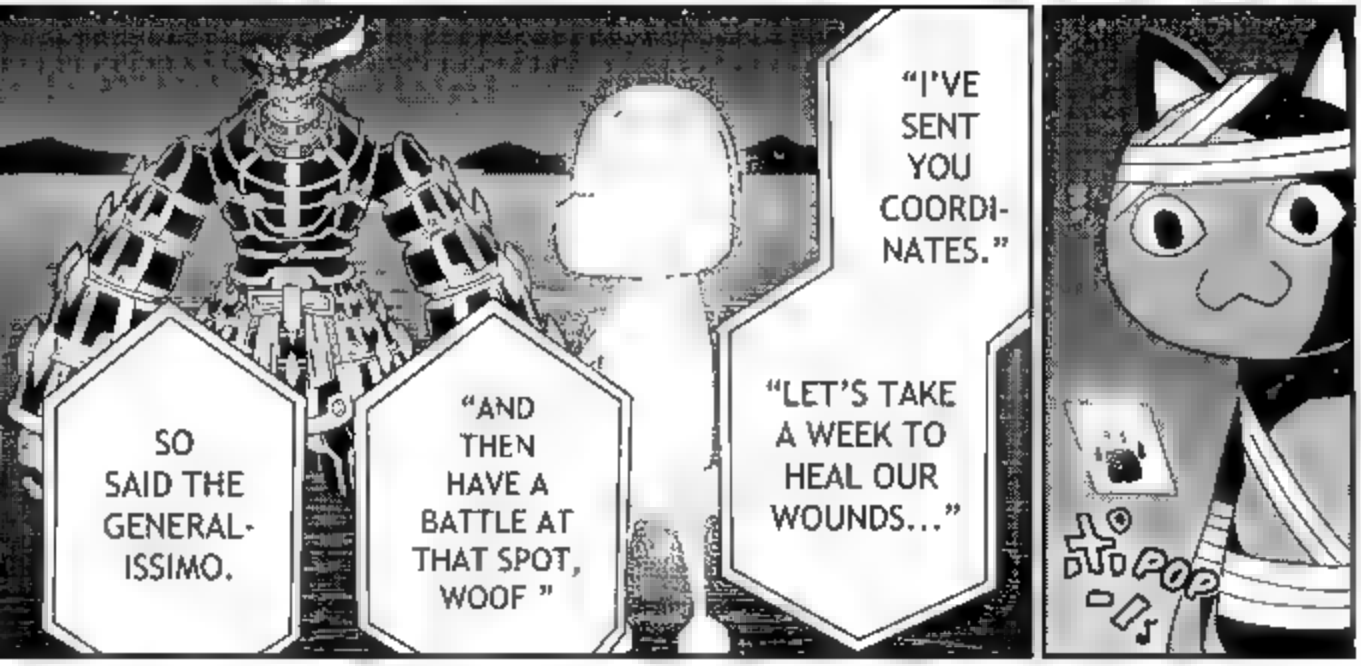
COME ON DOWN HERE!
AND...
WE'LL FINISH THIS!
TO BE CONTINUED

ARE YOU WATCHING THIS, BOSS OF THE SEALING FACTION?!
I'M READY...
...TO FINISH THIS!
WOOF.
YES, I'LL CONNECT THE VIDEO.

UWAH!
VWOOMP

HE'S BIG!
SO THAT'S THE BOSS OF THE SEALING FACTION?

"HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A SORE LOSER."
THAT'S WHAT SENSEI SAID.
MEOW.
HE DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE HIMSELF LOOK THAT BIG JUST BECAUSE HE COULD.


SO SAID THE GENERAL-ISSIMO.
"AND THEN HAVE A BATTLE AT THAT SPOT, WOOF "
"LET'S TAKE A WEEK TO HEAL OUR WOUNDS..."
"I'VE SENT YOU COORDI-NATES."
DTD POP

I'LL SEND YOU THE MAP ON YOUR SMARTPHONES, SO COME WATCH IF YOU CAN.
SORRY, KUMA-SHIRO, INABA.
VRMM
HUH? IT'S THAT EASY? LIKE YOU'RE INVITING US TO VISIT YOUR SCHOOL'S FAIR?
SHE WAS ORIGINALLY PART OF THE SEALING FACTION
HUH?!
HUH? IS THAT SHIRAISHI'S VOICE?

WE'LL SERVE AS WITNESSES TO THE LAST BATTLE, I GUESS
VERY WELL.

WHAT?
HUH?

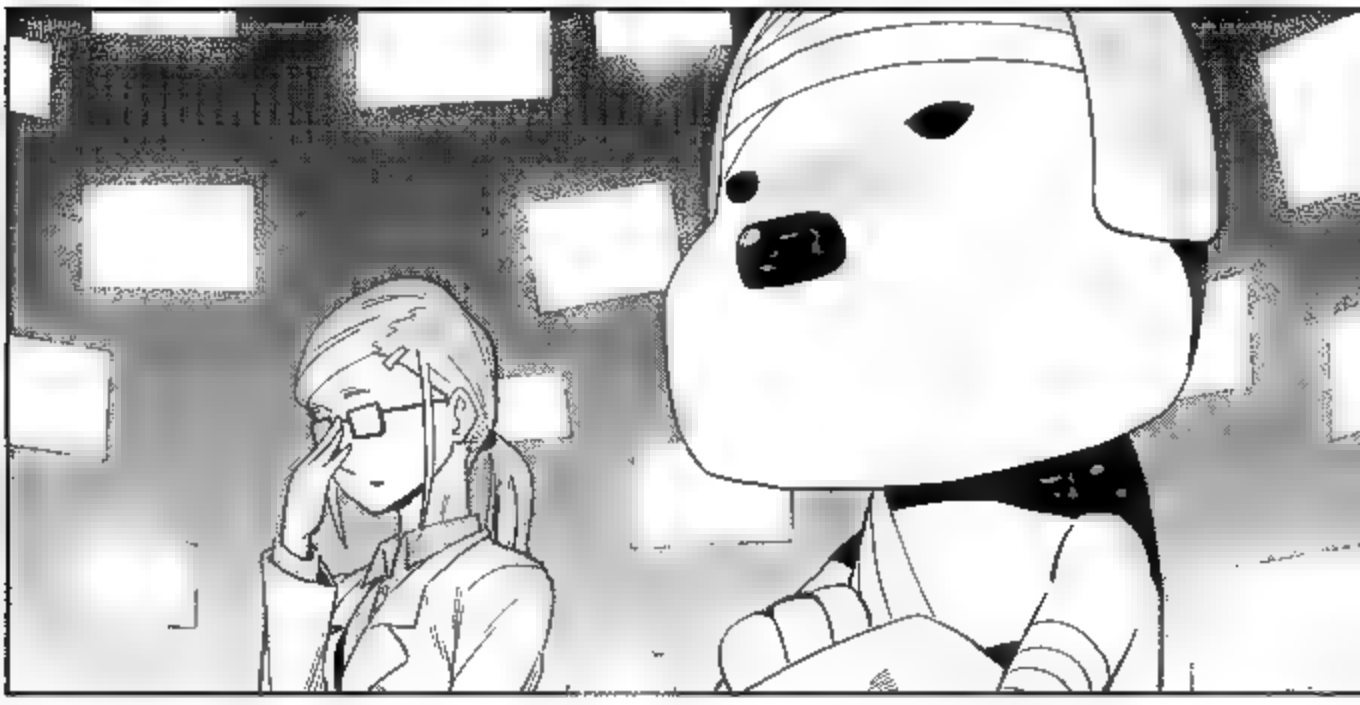
OH, I GET IT.
WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN? WA.T D.ON T YOU MOVE'
HEH...
IN THIS EPISODE, I REVIVE, BUT DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING USEFUL TO DO.
HOW LAME'
HEH HEH HEH...
OOH... NEZUYA-KUN, YOU'RE BACK TOO, HUH?

NEZUYA-SEMPAI...
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU. HE'S YOUR FRIEND, RIGHT?
...
YEAH.

PAT

WE CAN'T LOSE, HUH?

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, THEN.
WOOF.
VWOOMP



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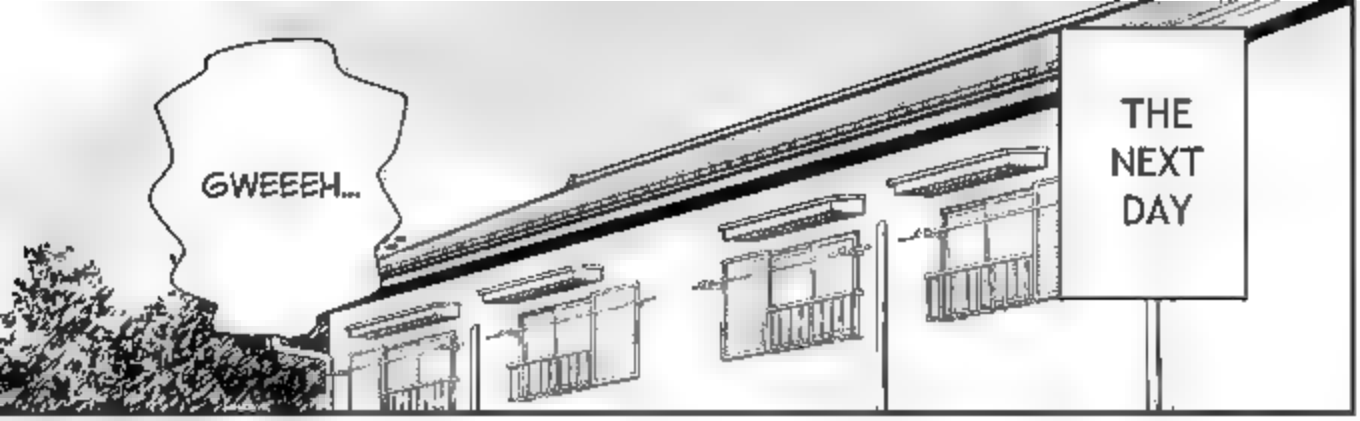
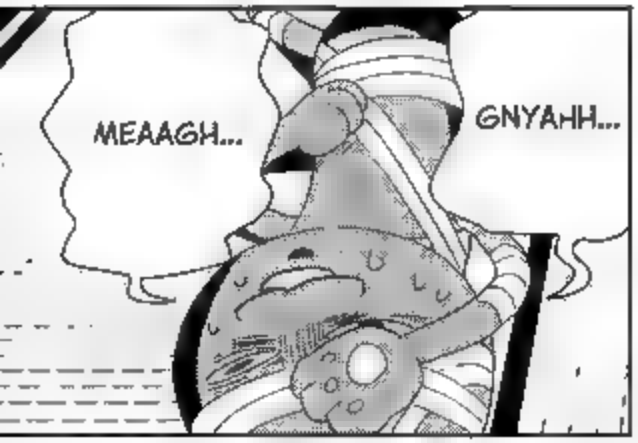

GWEEEH...
THE NEXT DAY

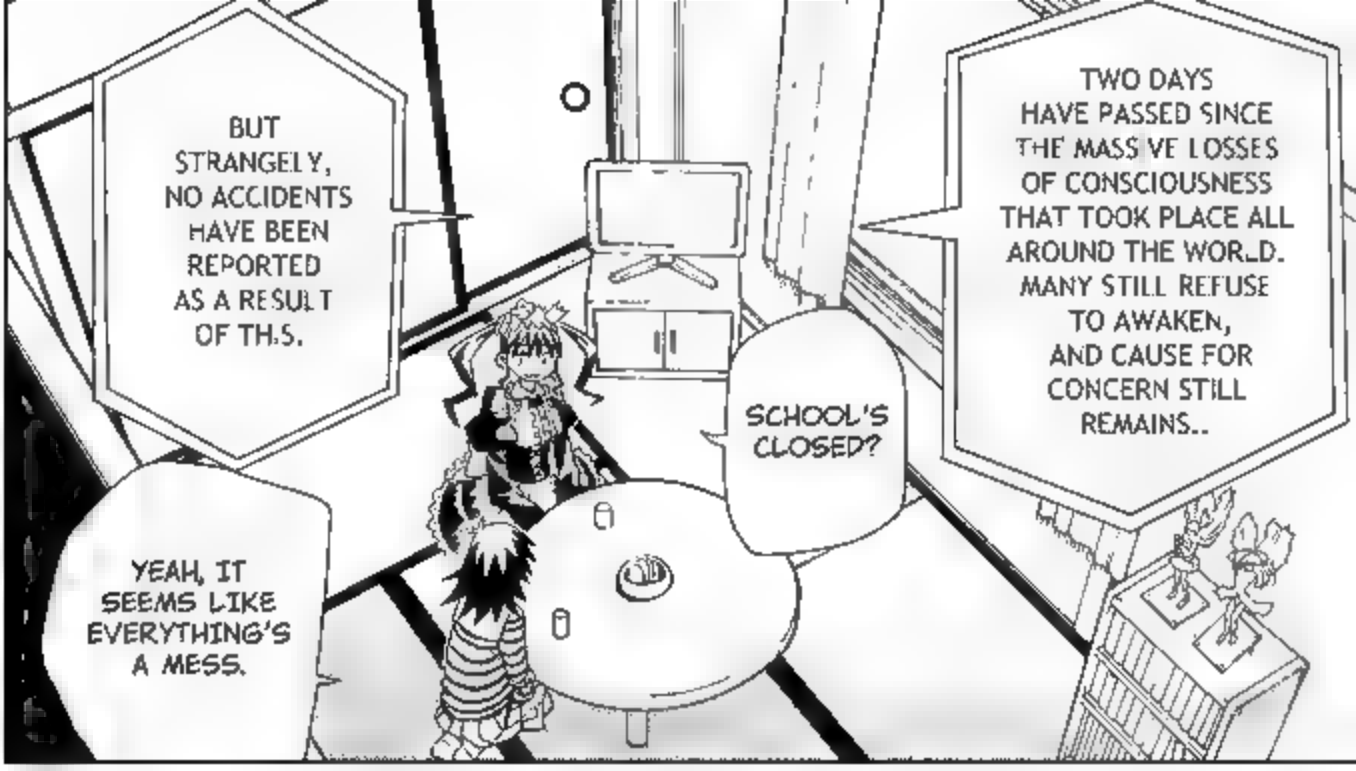

MEAAGH...
GNYAHH...

IT HURTS... IT HURTS SO MUCH, I'M GONNA BE SICK.
NO MORE. NO MORE FIGHTING, EVER.

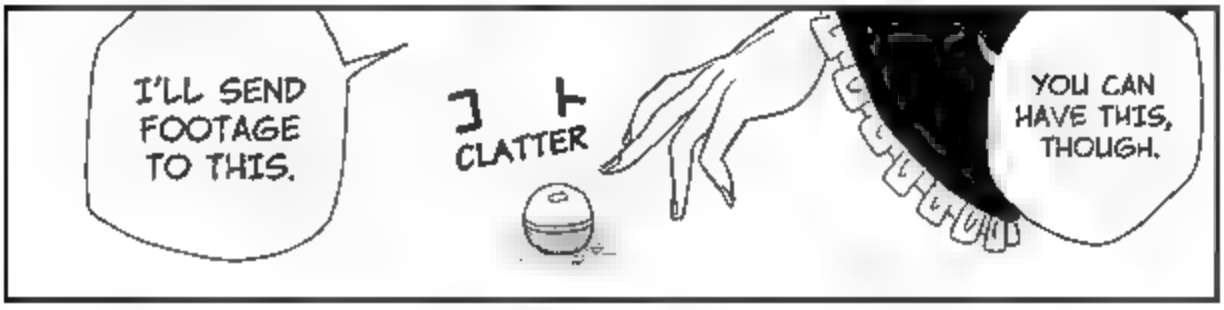
GHME-WOAH...
THEY'RE FINE. THEY'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL BY TOMORROW.
UM, ARE THEY OKAY?
UGGH...

ORAAAAH
YANK
SENSEI NEEDS TO GET BETTER FIRST. SENSEI, YOU STAY IN BED FOR A WHILE.
IT'S AMAZING HOW FAST THEIR MOOD SWINGS.

WE'RE GONNA WIN THIS! LET'S GO FOR A RUN!
MEOW!
AND THE NEXT DAY


TWO DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE MASSIVE LOSSES OF CONSCIOUSNESS THAT TOOK PLACE ALL AROUND THE WORLD. MANY STILL REFUSE TO AWAKEN, AND CAUSE FOR CONCERN STILL REMAINS..
SCHOOL'S CLOSED?
BUT STRANGELY, NO ACCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS A RESULT OF THIS.
YEAH, IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYTHING'S A MESS.

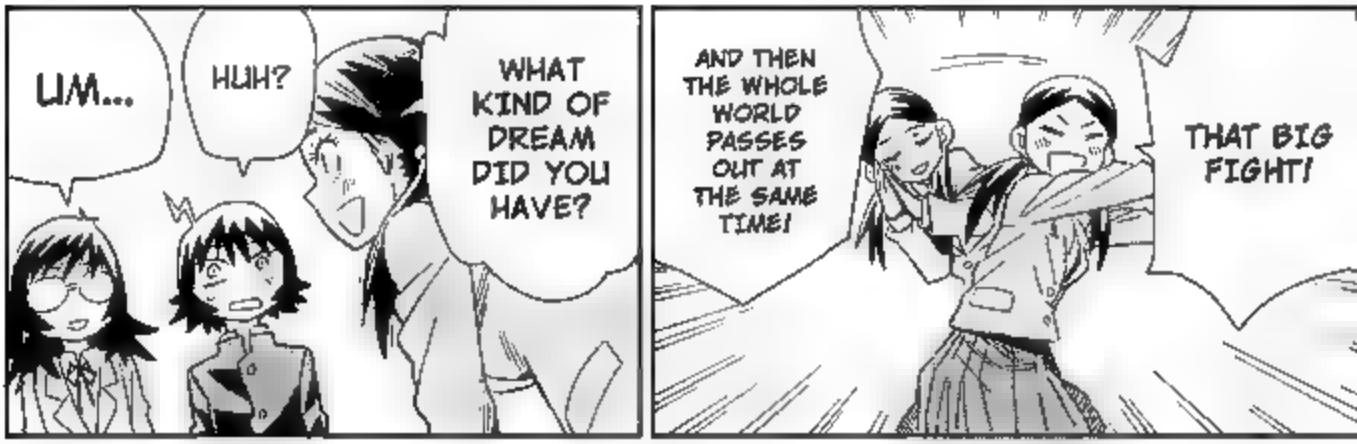
UM, CAN YOU TAKE ME TO SEE NEXT WEEK'S BATTLE, TOO?
SORRY, IT'S A LITTLE TOO DANGEROUS.
I GUESS NOT, HUH?


YOU CAN HAVE THIS, THOUGH.
コト CLATTER
I'LL SEND FOOTAGE TO THIS.

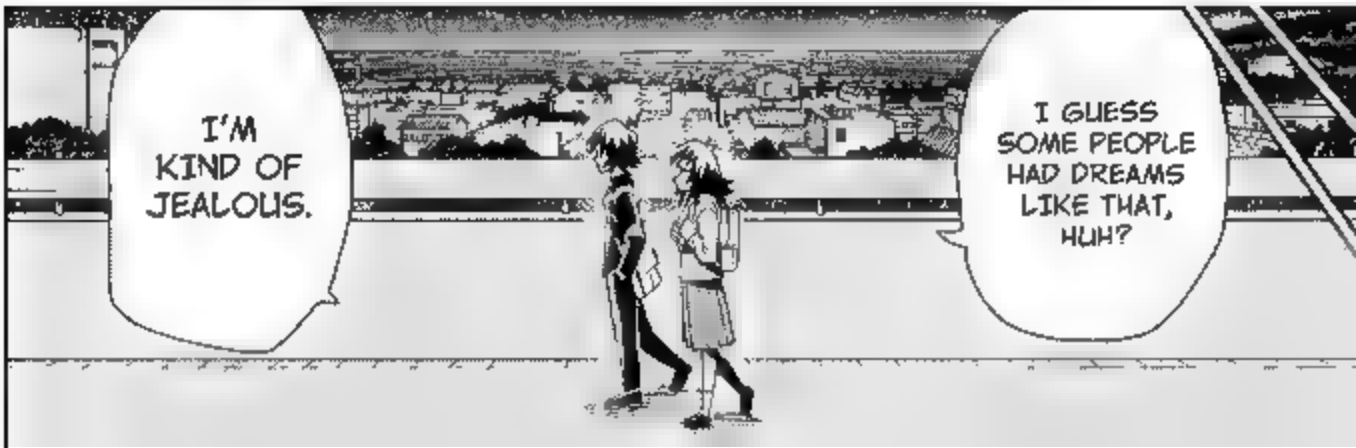
SO WATCH OVER HIM, PLEASE.
OKAY.

I'M SORRY.
NO, IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KEEP APOLOGIZING FOR.
NO...
IT'S LIKE, IT'S NOT RIGHT FOR ALIENS TO BE DECIDING EARTH'S FATE, YOU KNOW.
THE DAY BEFORE THE BATTLE
I'M GLAD THEY STARTED SCHOOL AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?
YEAH.
NOW WE CAN SEE EACH OTHER AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY, RIGHT?
YEAH.
WAIT, I THINK I JUST SAID SOMETHING EMBARRASSING.
...

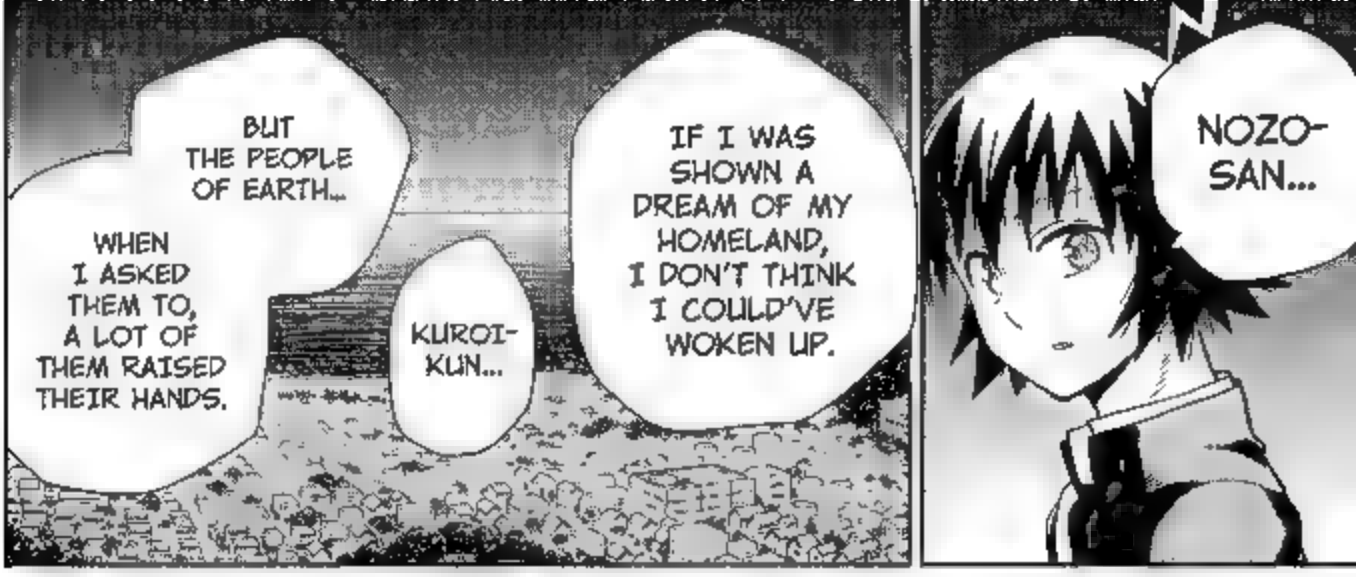
I MEAN, UM... WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK WAS CRAZY, HUH?
WAH!
R-RUNYAH...
RUNYAH!
BAM!


UM...
HUH?
WHAT KIND OF DREAM DID YOU HAVE?
AND THEN THE WHOLE WORLD PASSES OUT AT THE SAME TIME!
THAT BIG FIGHT!

AND THEN, AND THEN, WE FOUND THESE ANCIENT RUINS UNDER THE DORM!
..ALL MOVED INTO THE LOCAL DORM, AND I WAS ASSIGNED TO BE THEIR DORM MOTHER!
HAD THIS DREAM WHERE A HOT ALIEN AND A HOT GUY FROM THE FUTURE AND A HOT GUY FROM ANOTHER WORLD AND A HOT MONSTER BOY AND A HOT DEMON...
I...


I'M KIND OF JEALOUS.
I GUESS SOME PEOPLE HAD DREAMS LIKE THAT, HUH?

TH-THANKS FOR COMING TO CLUB TODAY.
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN TRAINING EVERY DAY.
OH, YEAH. IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO COME TODAY. THE FIGHT'S TOMORROW SO THE MOST I'M DOING IS SOME STRETCHES.
I NEED TO REST MY MUSCLES.
BUT IT HURTS THAT THE ONLY PROTEIN I CAN GET TO HELP MY MUSCLES IS SOY.
GINKO REFUSES TO COOK ANY MEAT.
I GUESS IT'S SOME KIND OF ALIEN FOOD CULTURE THING.
SENSEI'S A CAT, AND HE DOESN'T EAT MEAT, EITHER.
...
...
IT'S TOMOR-ROW...
ISN'T IT?
YEAH...
IT'S TOMOR-ROW.
I-I'LL BE CHEERING YOU ON.
NOT FOR EARTH.
BUT FOR YOU, KUROI-KUN.

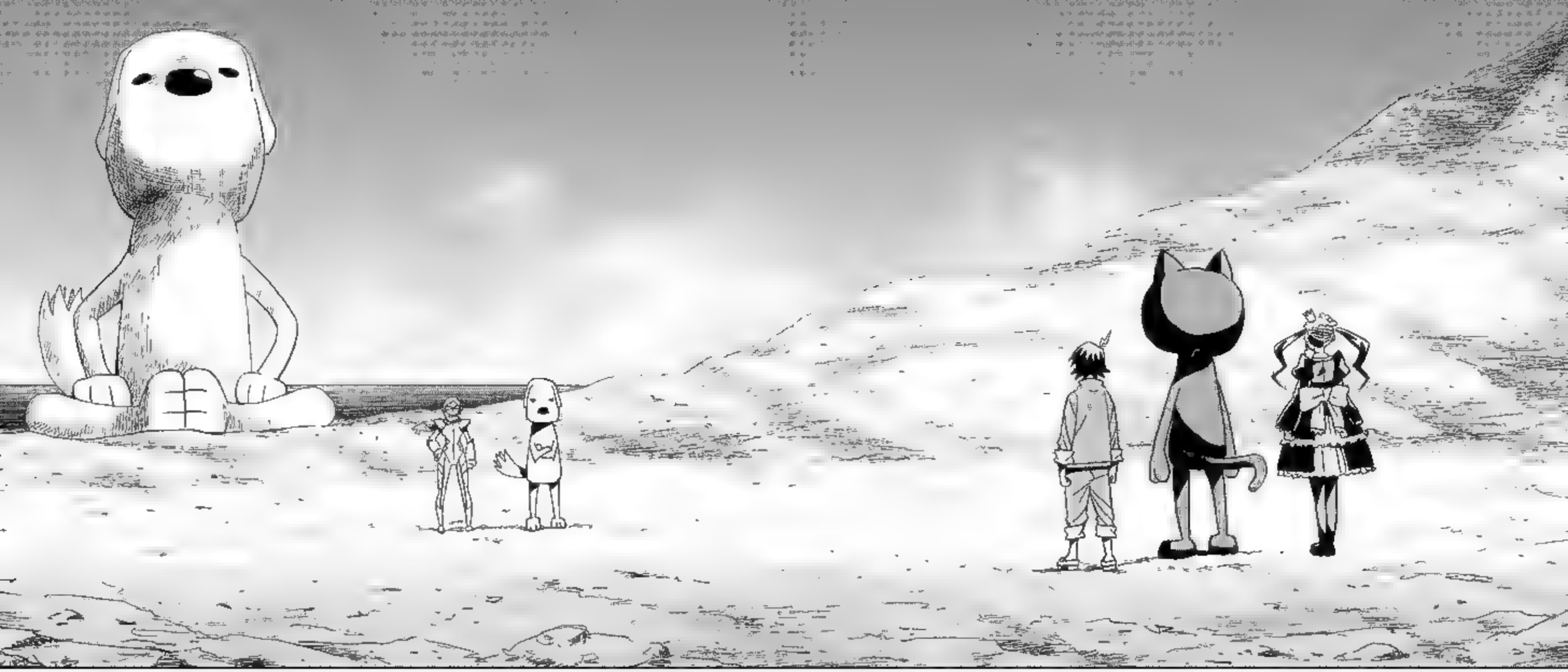

BUT THE PEOPLE OF EARTH...
WHEN I ASKED THEM TO, A LOT OF THEM RAISED THEIR HANDS.
KUROI-KUN...
IF I WAS SHOWN A DREAM OF MY HOMELAND, I DON'T THINK I COULD'VE WOKEN UP.
NOZO-SAN...

I WAS REALLY AMAZED.
I REMEMBER THINKING THAT
"THERE ARE A LOT OF STRONG PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET."

I'M A PART OF THIS PLANET NOW.
I'M...

DO YOUR BEST!
O-OKAY!
FOR EARTH, AND... AND...
SO I'M GOING TO DO MY BEST.
AND FOR YOU, NOZO-SAN!

IF YOU WERE CALLED ON TO WAKE UP, YOU WOULD'VE RAISED YOUR HAND, TOO.
SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC
DAY OF THE FIGHT



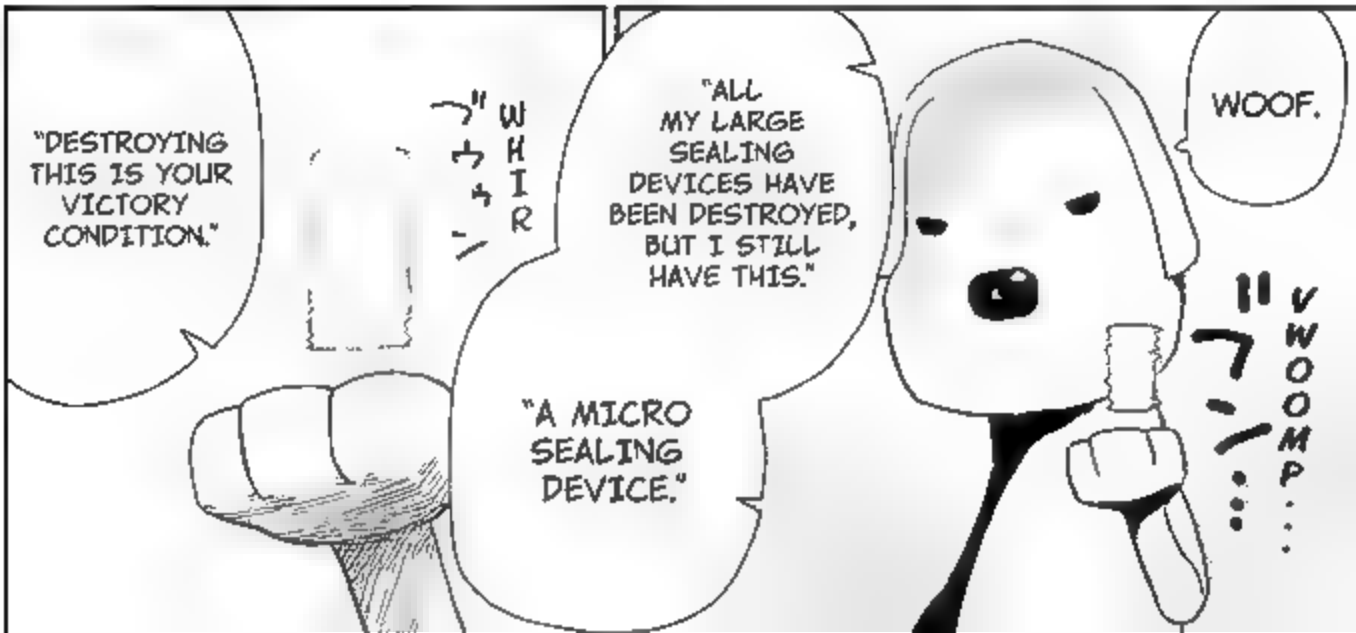
FLASH

SO TORAI-SAN AND THE OTHERS CAME, TOO.

I GUESS NOT.
THE OLD MAN DIDN'T COME, HUH? I SENT HIM A MAP.
"BUT THIS ISN'T A MOCK BATTLE TODAY. ARE YOU READY?"
"RASHAVERAK, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE STOOD FACE-TO-FACE."
SO SAID THE GENERAL-ISSIMO.
WOOF.

"ARE YOU READY, KARELLAN?"
"IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU'VE BEEN IN A REAL BATTLE, DO YOU STILL HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?"
THAT'S WHAT SENSEI SAID.
MEOW.

RASHAWHA? IS THAT SENSEI'S NAME?


"DESTROYING THIS IS YOUR VICTORY CONDITION."
WHIR
"ALL MY LARGE SEALING DEVICES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, BUT I STILL HAVE THIS."
"A MICRO SEALING DEVICE."
WOOF.
VWOOMP...

"IF YOUR WILL IS STRONGER THAN YOUR BODY,
THEN THIS ISLAND WILL BE YOUR GRAVE, WOOF."
"AND MY VICTORY CONDITION
IS BREAKING YOUR WILL."

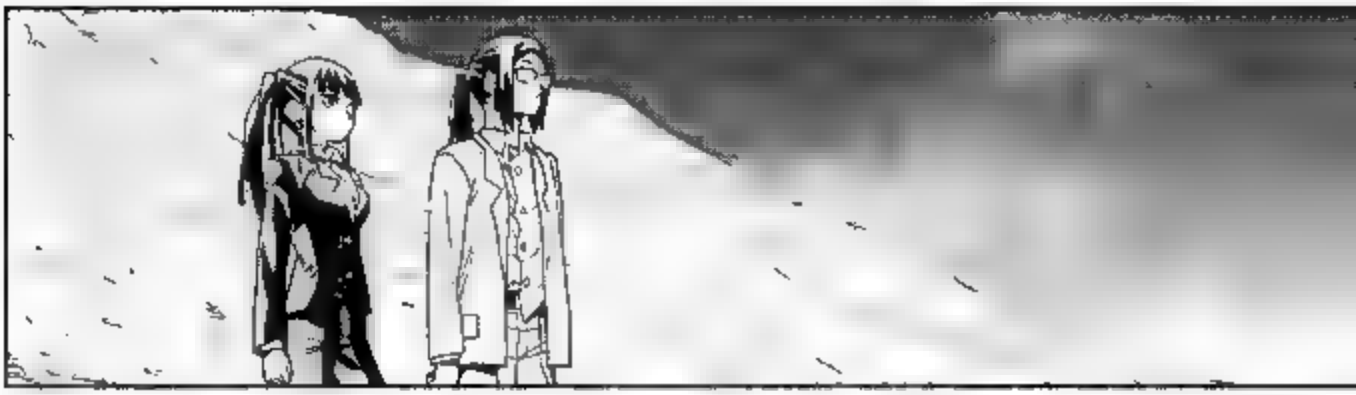
"VERY WELL. LET US BEGIN."
MEOW.
THAT'S WHAT SENSEI SAID.
SO SAID THE GENERAL-ISSIMO.

STAND

STAND

GULP
GULP
SPIN
SPIN
FWOOSH

SLAM



WEP-
WA-
WET
...
GIGA
CAT...

...HAMMER!

...BITE!

ROAR
YOU CAN DO IT!
KUROI-KUN...

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CHAPTER 33: KARELLAN AND RASHAVERAK

CRACKLE
CRACKLE
KNNGGH!
KGGGHH!

BOOM

BAM
ORYAHH!
SLAM

SMASH
SLAM
MEOW!
WOOF!
SMACK
SPIN
SMASH
JUMP

SLAM
WE GOT THROWN AGAIN!
DWAH!
FLIP-

"BLIND, VIOLENT SIRIUSIAN..."
"NOT EVERY-THING CAN BE RESOLVED WITH BRUTE FORCE."
SO SAID THE GENERAL-ISSIMO.
WOOF!
CRUNCH

YOU WANTED TO SOLVE THIS WITH FIGHTING, WHICH MEANS YOU'RE A MEATHEAD...
YEAH, RIGHT.

LIKE ME!
TOSS

SLAM

DAMN IT.
MEOW..
WOW! ANOTHER THROW!
I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY CAN DO IT AT THAT SIZE.

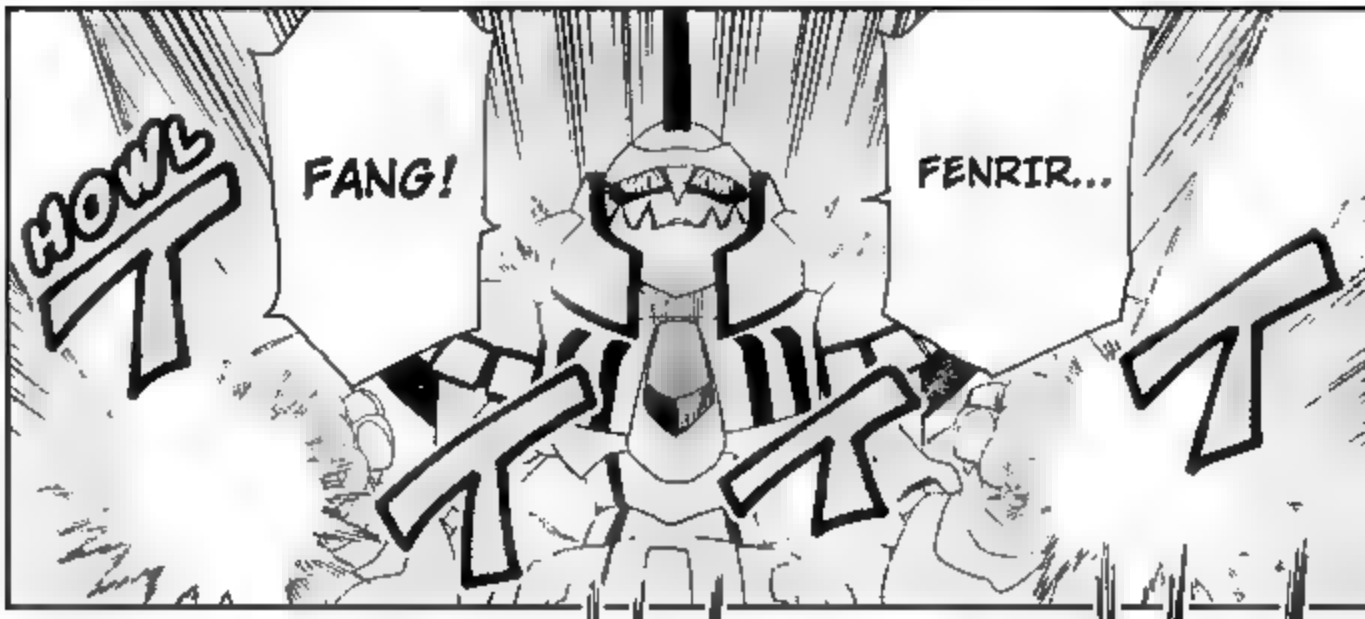
SPIN
HOP

I KNOW WE'VE BEEN USING IT TOO MUCH LATELY, AND YOU'D REALLY RATHER NOT, BUT...
MEOW...
LET'S USE IT!
WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, SENSEI!
POP
FIZZLE
ROGER!
SNAP
GINKO! GO FOR IT!
SHINE
POP
SPACESHIP AI, SEND IT HERE!
FIZZLE
GENERAL-ISSIMO, THIS IS THE FINAL FIGHT! WE HAVE TO DO IT!
LIWOOF?
LET'S USE OURS TOO, GENERAL-ISSIMO!

SHINE
SENSEI!
MEOW...
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
DOPING MODE!
ROAR
BAM
BAM

BOOM

BLADE!
VWHOM
GIGA CAT...


HOWL
FANG!
FENRIR...

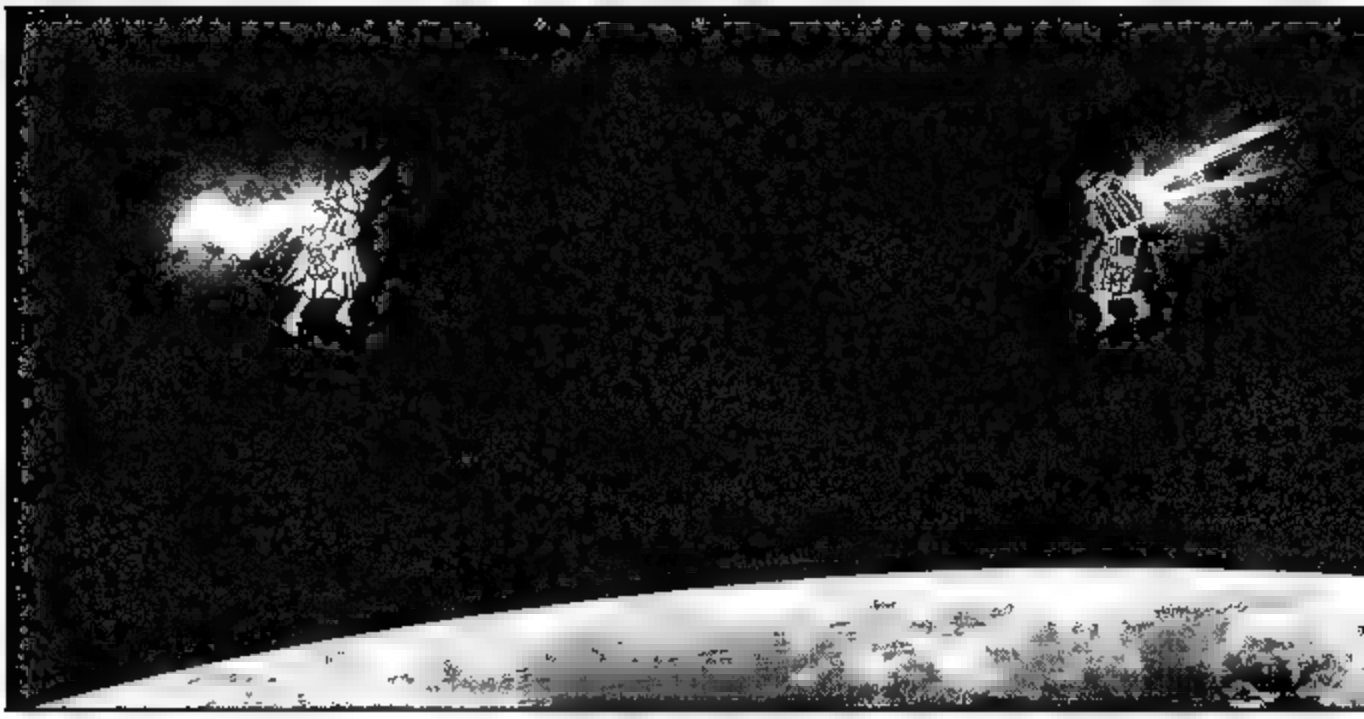
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM

BAM
BAM
BAM
POW
POW
POW
POW
POW
BOOM
BAM
BAM
SMASH
SMASH
SLAM

OAM
OAM
OAM
OAM
OAM
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
WHAM

GUUH!
NUUH!

I REFUSE TO LOSE THIS...
KAREL-LAN!
RASHA-VERAK!
I WILL SURPASS YOU...



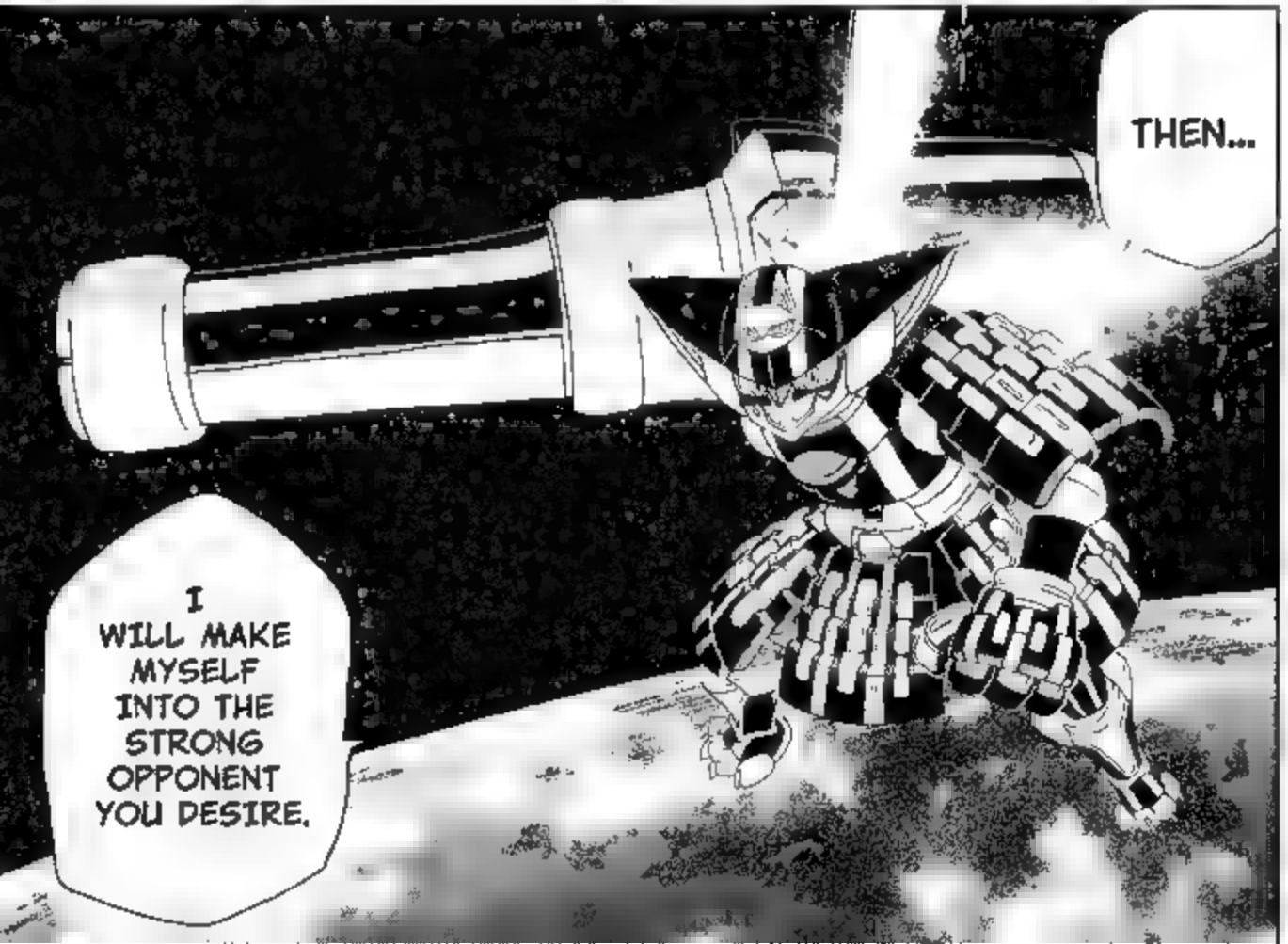
PANT
PANT

PANT
PANT

YOU'RE STRONG.
I RESPECT YOU.

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE AWFULLY HUMBLE TODAY.
SUR-PASS ME?

IF I DON'T RESPECT MY OPPONENT...
HOW CAN I GIVE THE BATTLE MY ALL?

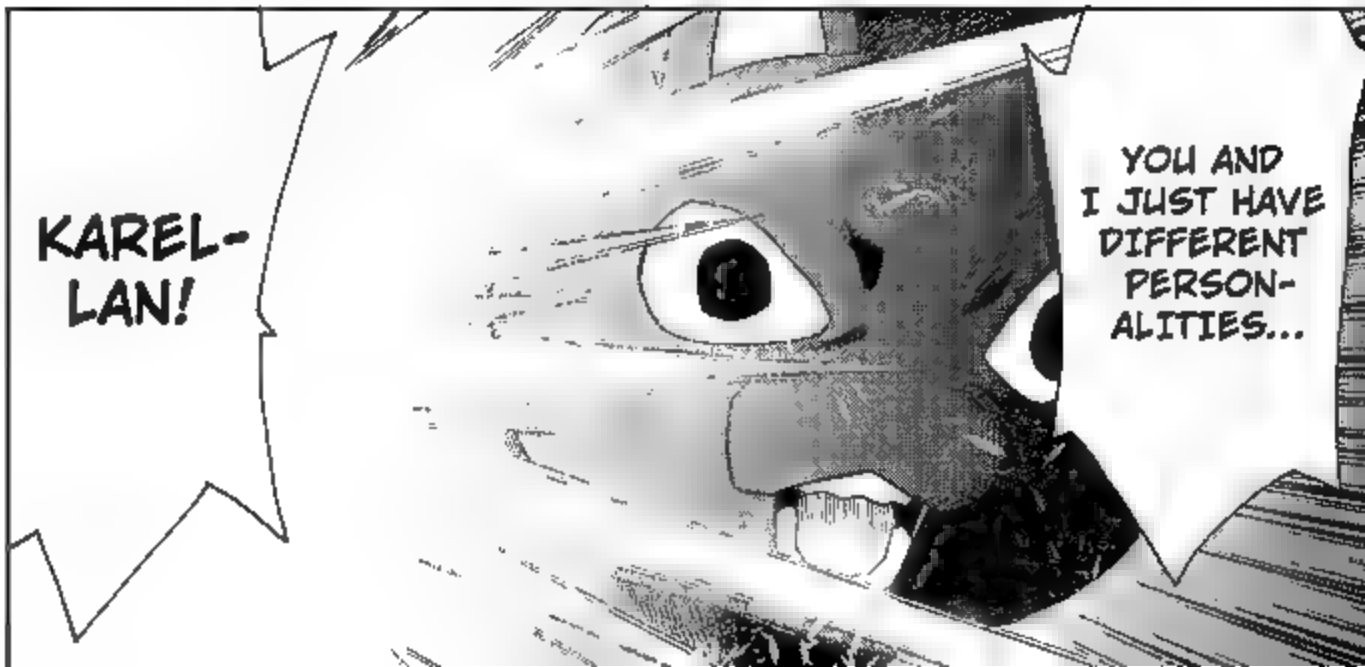

THEN...
I WILL MAKE MYSELF INTO THE STRONG OPPONENT YOU DESIRE.

WEPWA-
WET...
SHINE
HOWL!
GIGA
CAT...
HAMMER!

UGGHH!
W...
WE'RE BEING PUSHED BACK!
YOU SAID YOU'D SAVE ANYONE!
BELIEVE IN ANY-ONE!
YOU WOULD ALWAYS RISK YOUR LIFE TO UPHOLD WHAT YOU BELIEVED IN!
AND I WANTED TO BE LIKE YOU!
BUT...

BE AN ADULT,
THE UNIVERSE ISN'T WHAT YOU WANT IT TO BE!
SO I'M DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE!
RASHA-VERAK!

A SELFISH PERSON LIKE ME,
AND A PERSON LIKE YOU WHO SWALLOWS THEIR PAIN...
EVERY-ONE IN NEBULA IS AN ADULT!


KAREL-LAN!
YOU AND I JUST HAVE DIFFERENT PERSON-ALITIES...

AND ADULTS NEED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY WHEN CHILDREN FOLLOW THE WRONG PATH!
NEBULA MAY BE GROWN-UPS, BUT EARTHLINGS ARE CHILDREN!
FLASH
YOU DUMB DOG?!
WOULD YOU SHUT UP ALREADY...
YOU KNOW, SENSEI...
D-DUMB DOG?
...TO SAVE YOU, TOO!
HE WANTS...

UNDER-
STAND
THAT!

KA-
BOOM

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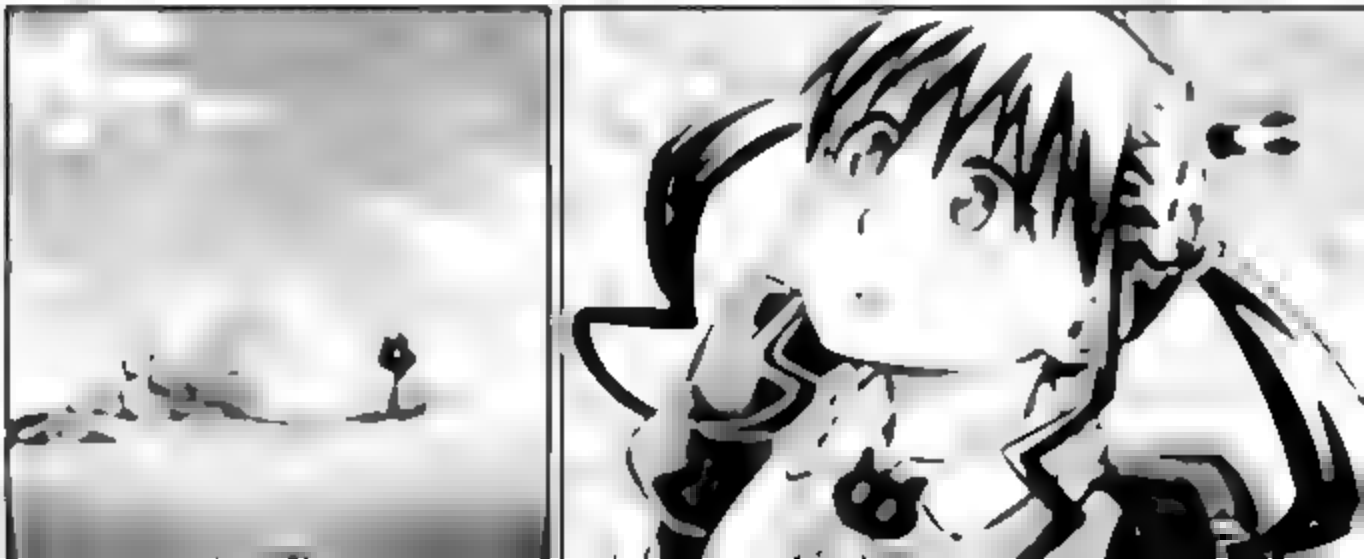


WOW...
THEY WERE FIGHTING... IN SPACE?

NO IDEA
WHO'S WINNING, YOU THINK?

I'M NOT EVEN SURE...
WHOSE SIDE I'M ON NOW.
I JOINED THE SEALING FACTION,
BUT STILL CAME BACK FROM SEALING.
THE ONE THING I'M SURE OF IS THAT I DON'T BELONG ON EITHER SIDE.
WELL,
LET'S GO TO WHERE YOUR BROTHER IS, TOGETHER.
YOSUKE...
IF IT HURTS HAVING NO PLACE TO BE, THEN...
WHEN THIS IS OVER.

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

KUROI-KUN WILL STAND UP!

IT'S OKAY!

CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
HE STOOD UP!
HE STOOD UP...
HE STOOD UP.
PANT... PANT... PANT...
GET OFF YOUR BUTT, SEALING FACTION!

'CAUSE WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED!

SPACE-SHIP AI!

SPACE-SHIP AI!

FLASH
FLASH
NOM
NOM

STOMP

CLANG

RUMBLE

STOMP

CLANG

RUMBLE

CLANG

CLANG

LET'S GO!
HERE WE GO!
CRACKLE

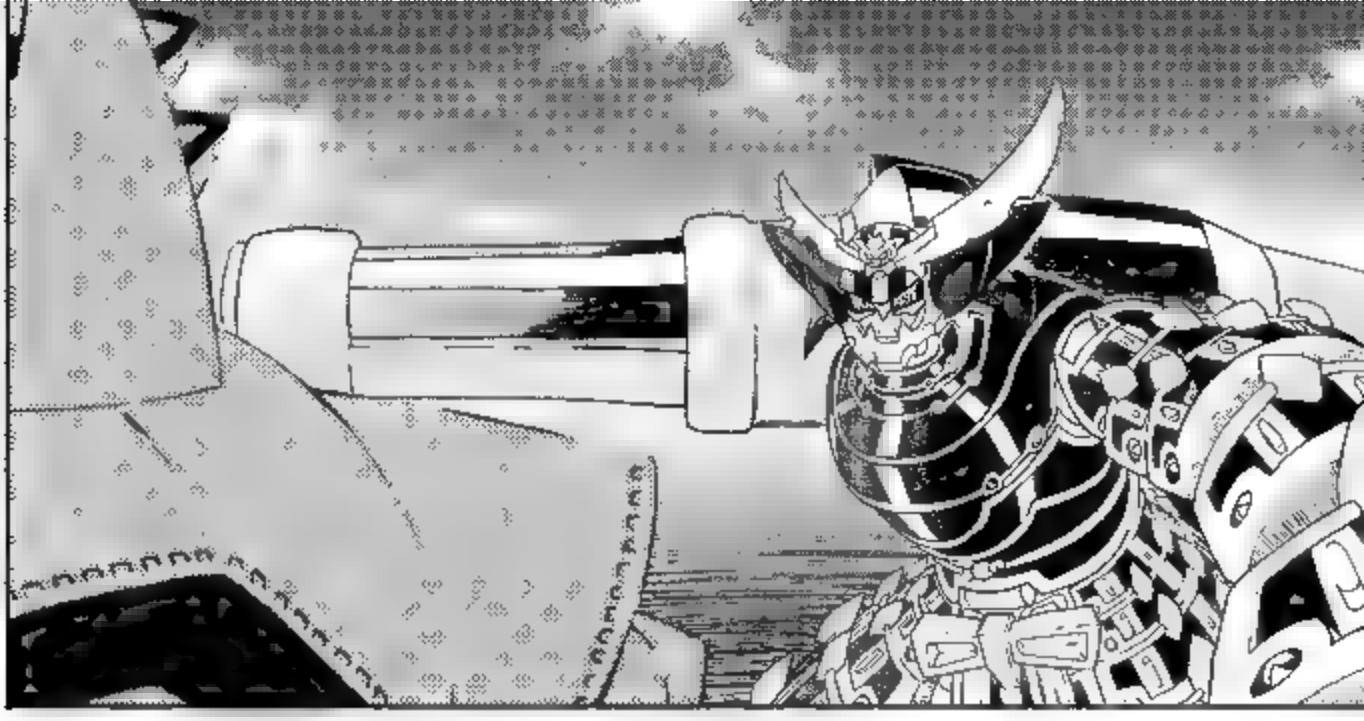
CRACKLE
WOW, IT'S BIG...
R-RIGHT!
RIGHT
IT'S DANGEROUS HERE! EVERYONE, USE YOUR PSYCHO-KINETIC ARMOR TO GET TO SPACE!
SHOULD WE GET AWAY FROM HERE?
YEAH, WE SHOULD.

CLANG
STOMP

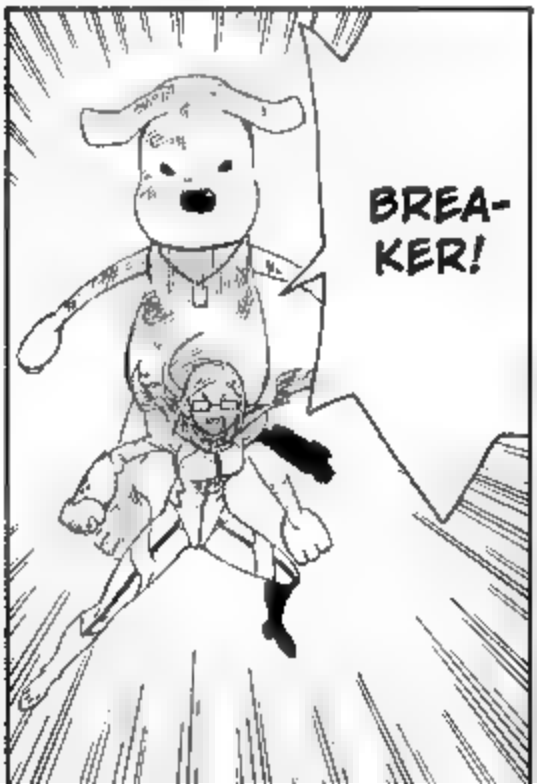
RUMBLE

KLONG

BAM
CRACKLE
RUMBLE
TERA CAT...



HAMMER!


BREA-
KER!

STELLA!

GRAND!

BOOM
CLANG

BAM

RUMBLE

HAM-
MER!

ROAR

TERA!

CAT!

WE GOT HIM!

STAY ON GUARD! HERE HE COMES!

ゴゴゴ
RUMBLE ゴゴ
SMASH

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PLANETWITH
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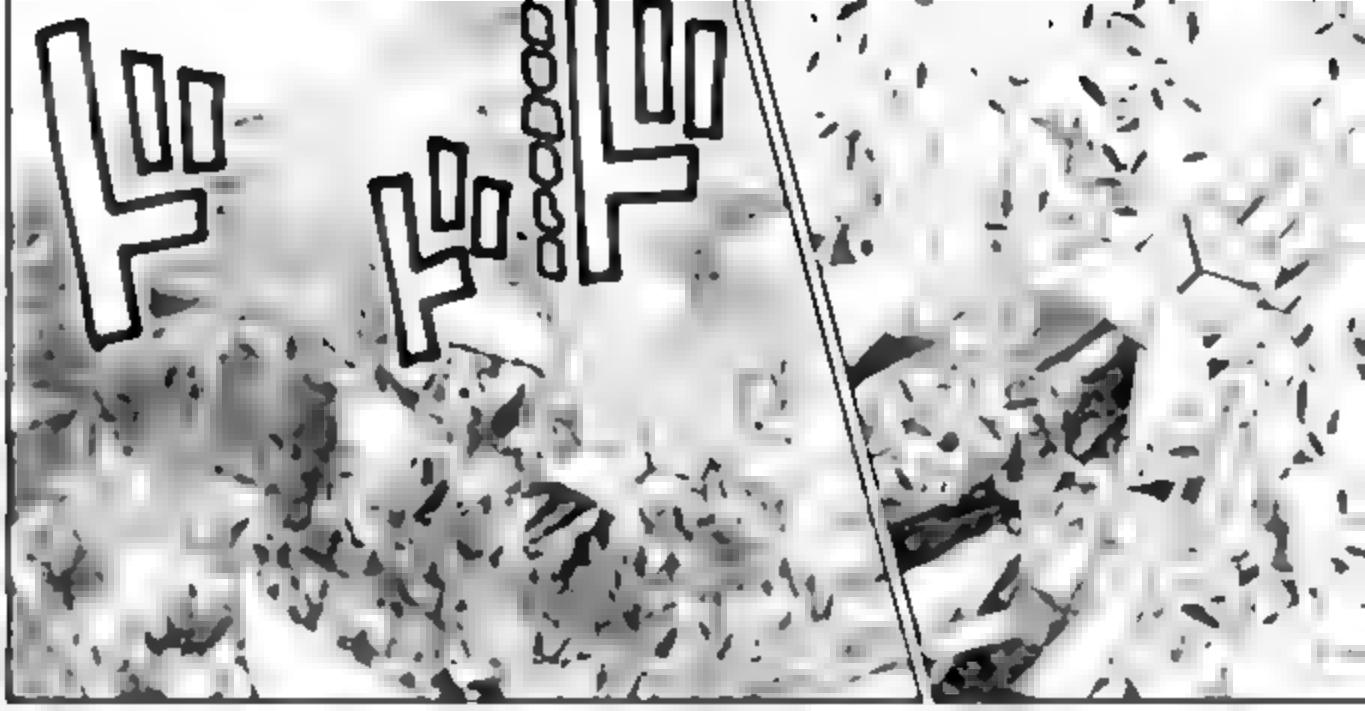
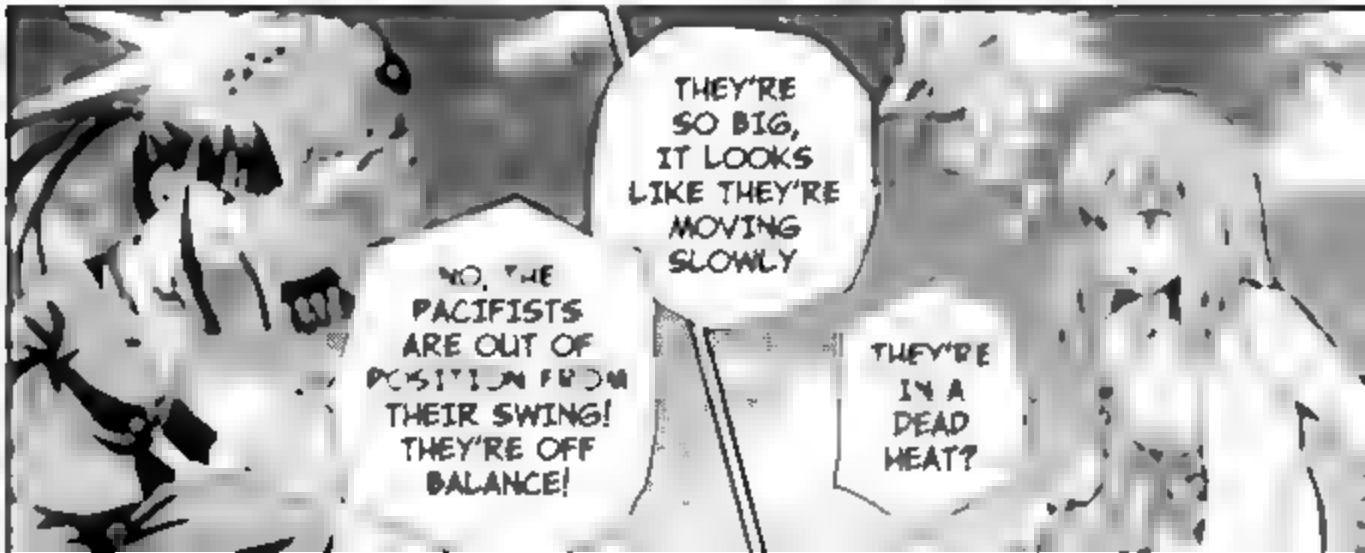
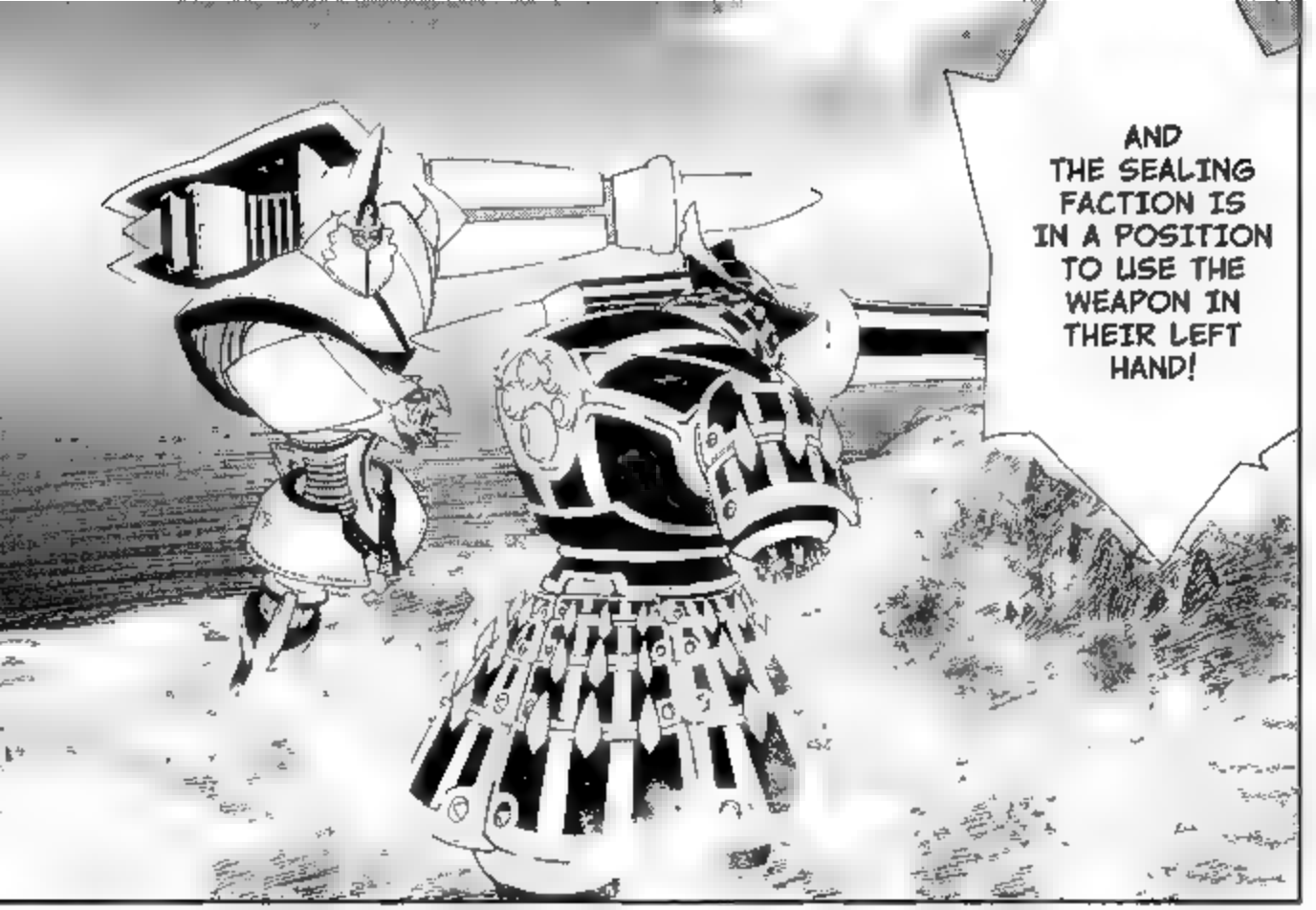
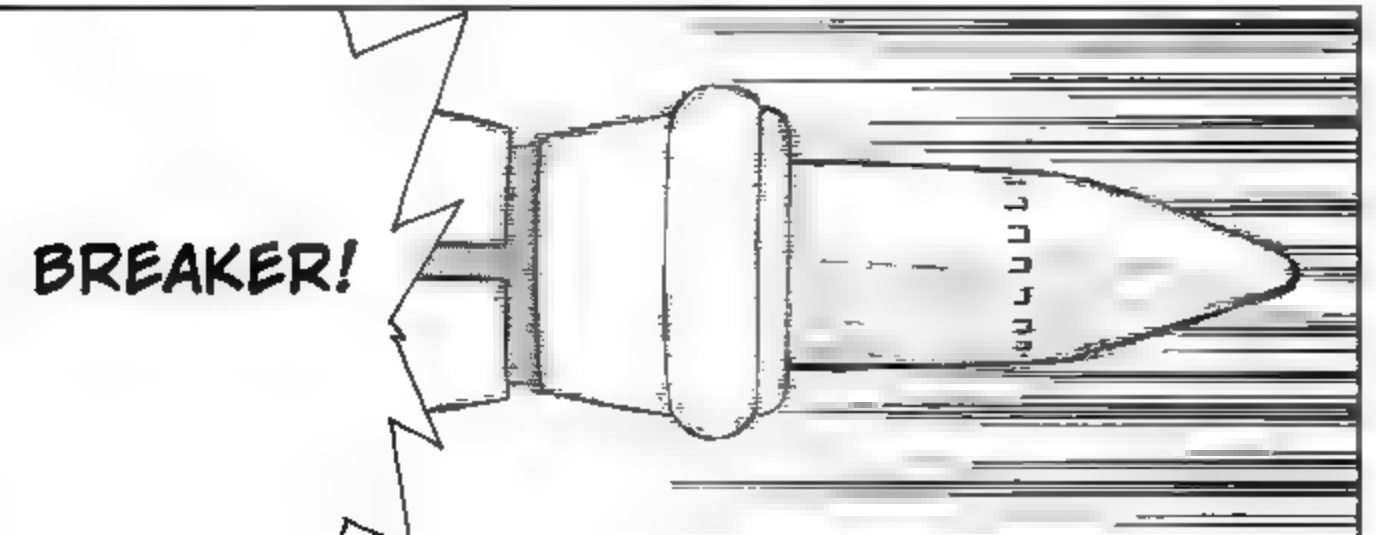



THEY'RE SO BIG, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE MOVING SLOWLY
NO, THE PACIFISTS ARE OUT OF POSITION FROM THEIR SWING! THEY'RE OFF BALANCE!
THEY'RE IN A DEAD HEAT?


AND THE SEALING FACTION IS IN A POSITION TO USE THE WEAPON IN THEIR LEFT HAND!

STELLA!
GRAND!
TCH!


BREAKER!

I'M FASTER! IT'S OVER!
WILL WE MAKE IT IN TIME?
I'LL BLOCK FROM BELOW!
THAT VOICE ...
HOLD IT!
HUH?
FLASH
RUMBLE

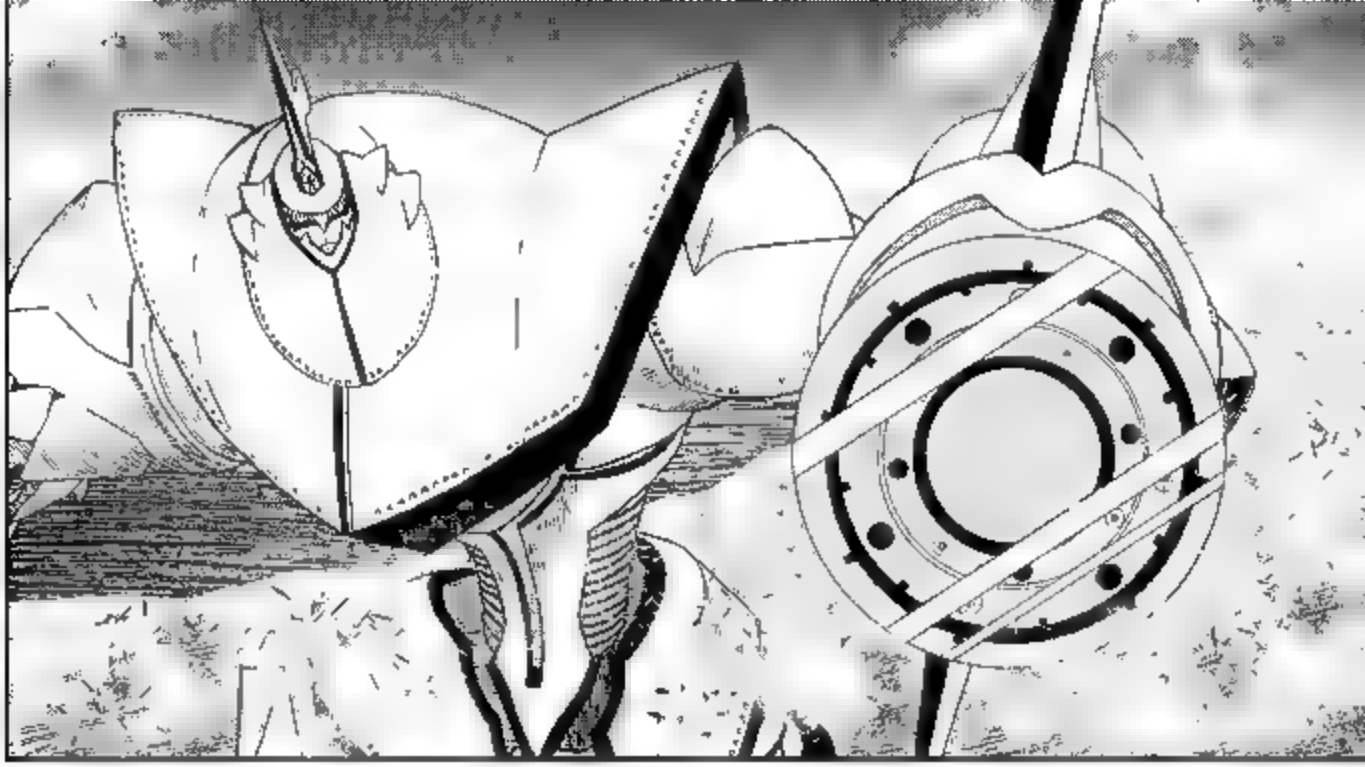
HOW IS HE GOING SO FAST?
OLD MAN!
FLASH
HAAH!
BAM
FLASH
FLASH

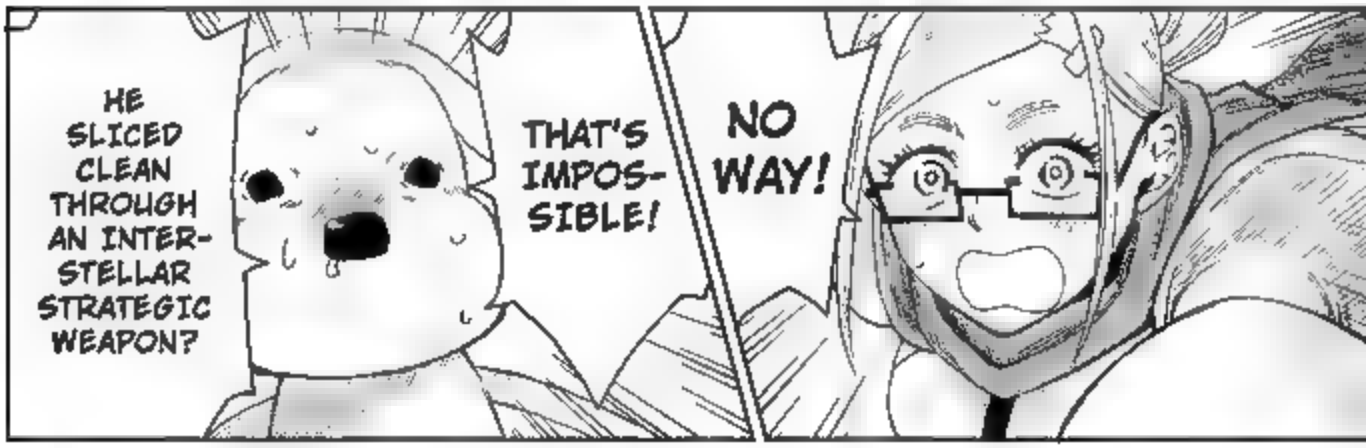
HE'S SO COOL!
HE TURNED HIS PSYCHO-KINETIC ARMOR INTO A SWORD?
THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'LL EVER SWING A BLADE, AND I'M GIVING IT MY WHOLE HEART AND SOUL!
TAKE THIS!

TA-KEZO-SAN?
HUH?
THIS...
...IS FOR MY SON!
FLASH

BOOM

HAHAHAHAHA!




HE SLICED CLEAN THROUGH AN INTER-STELLAR STRATEGIC WEAPON?
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
NO WAY!

SUCK IT!
HAH!

THAT AIN'T RIGHT!
OLD MAN!

I'M THE ONE WHO KILLED HIM!
I'M THE ONE WHO KILLED YOUR SON!
I KNOW THAT!

THUD

KU-
ROI-
KUN!
KER-
THUD

HEH...
GO!
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
US!

NEZUYA-SENPAI?

WELL DONE, NEZUYA-KUN!

BUT IF HE USED THAT MUCH ENERGY TO EMPOWER HIS ARMOR, HIS BODY WON'T...
I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY, OLD MAN.

OLD MAN...
YOU OKAY?
OLD MAN?
GOT IT!
MEOW!
SENSEI SAYS WE'VE GOTTA TEAR OPEN A HOLE AND HEAD INSIDE!
NO, DODGE!
GUARD ...
GENE-RAL-ISSI-MO!

OAH!
OO
UWOO
OOOH!
TCH!
ROAR

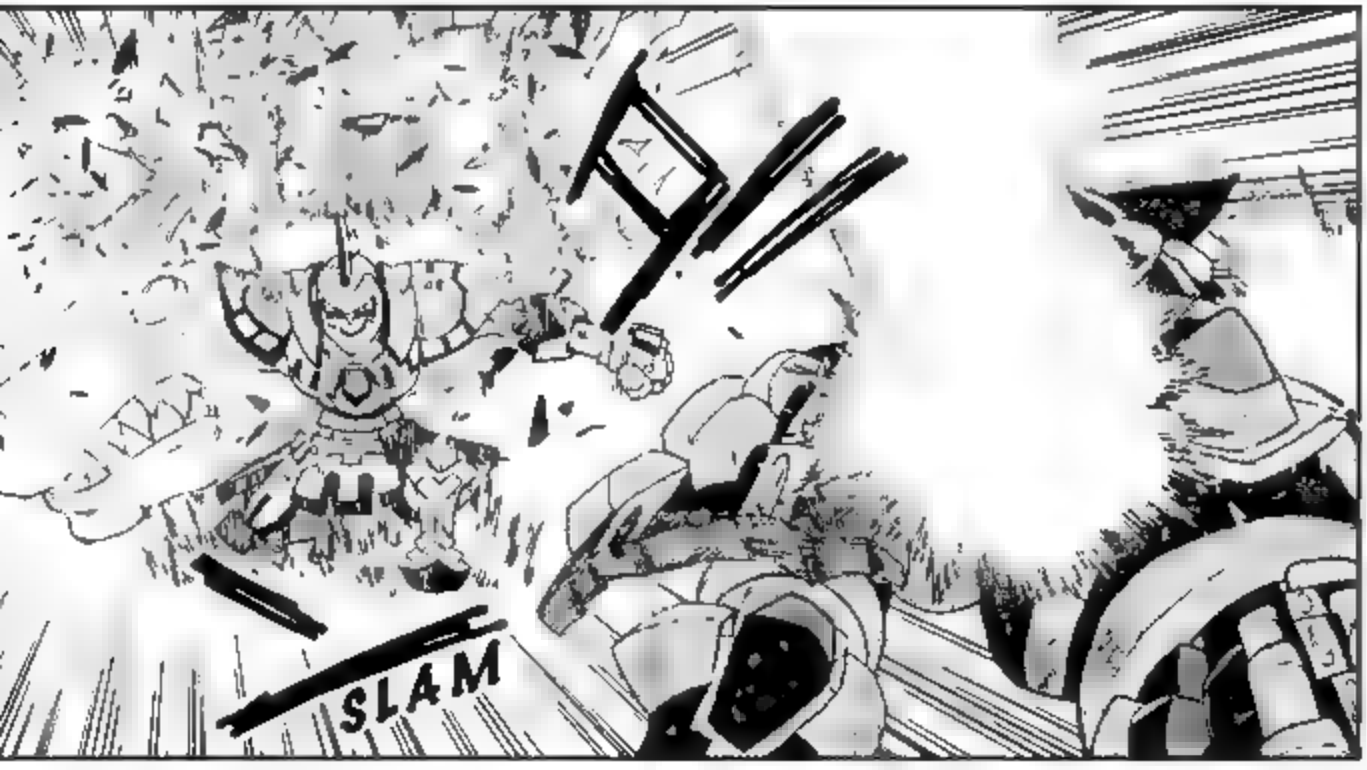
SLAM
SNAP
SNAP
CRAC

IT'S NOT ENOUGH!
IT'S JUST A SCRATCH!

MEOW!
NO, IT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH!
OH, NO!

OPEN
POP
ROAR
RUMBLE
SHI-
RAI-
SHI!
WHAT?
RIGHT!

ZOOM


SLAM

IT'S TOO LATE!
I WON'T LET YOU!

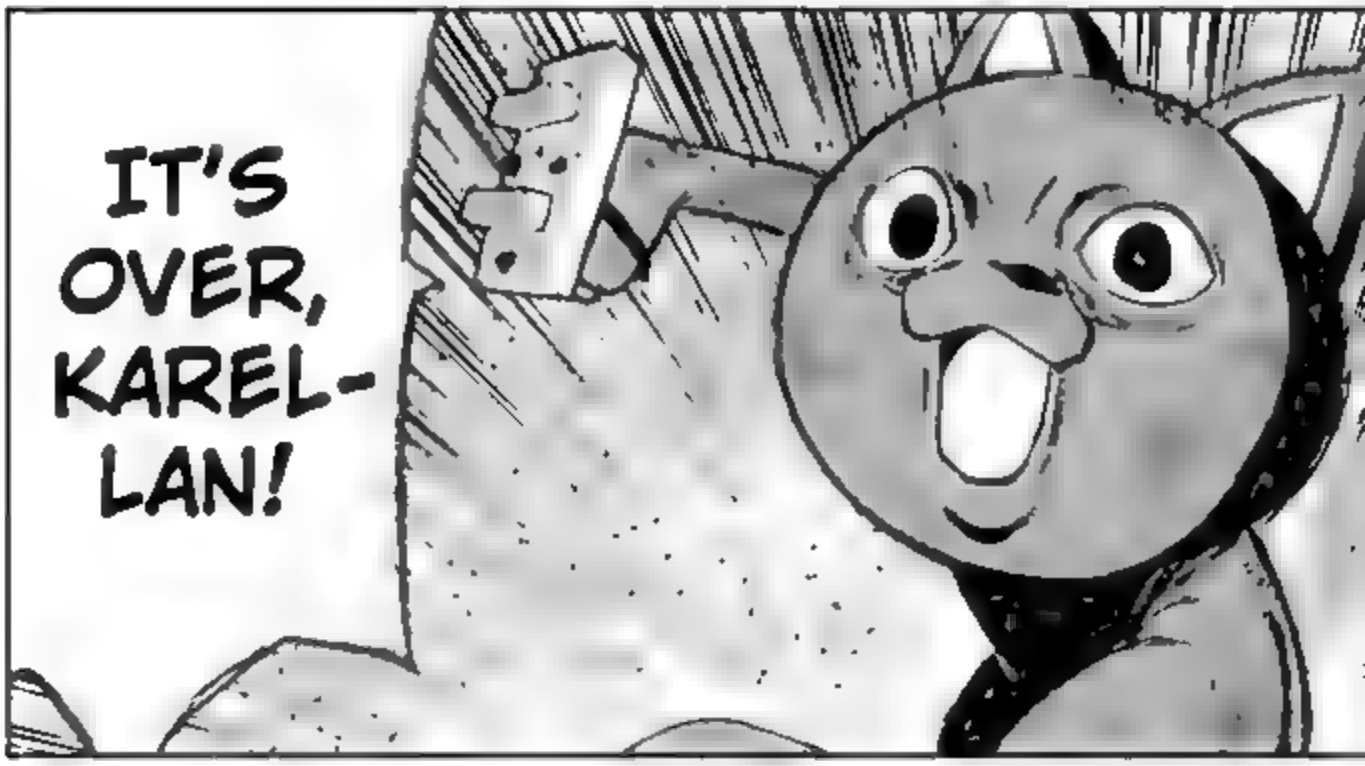
SLAM

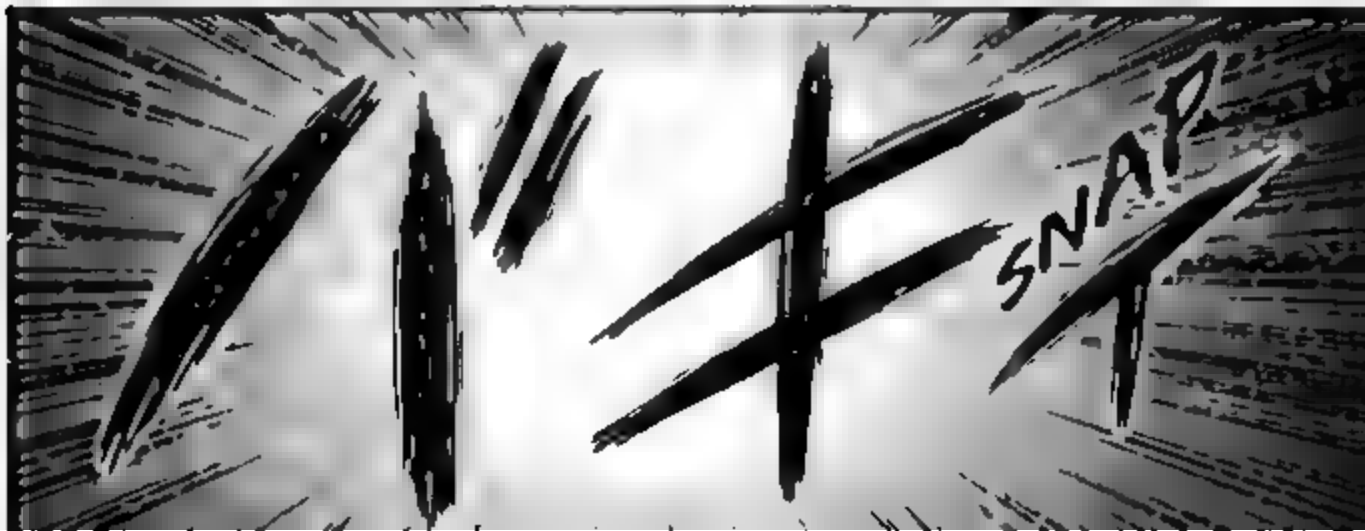
SHRIEK

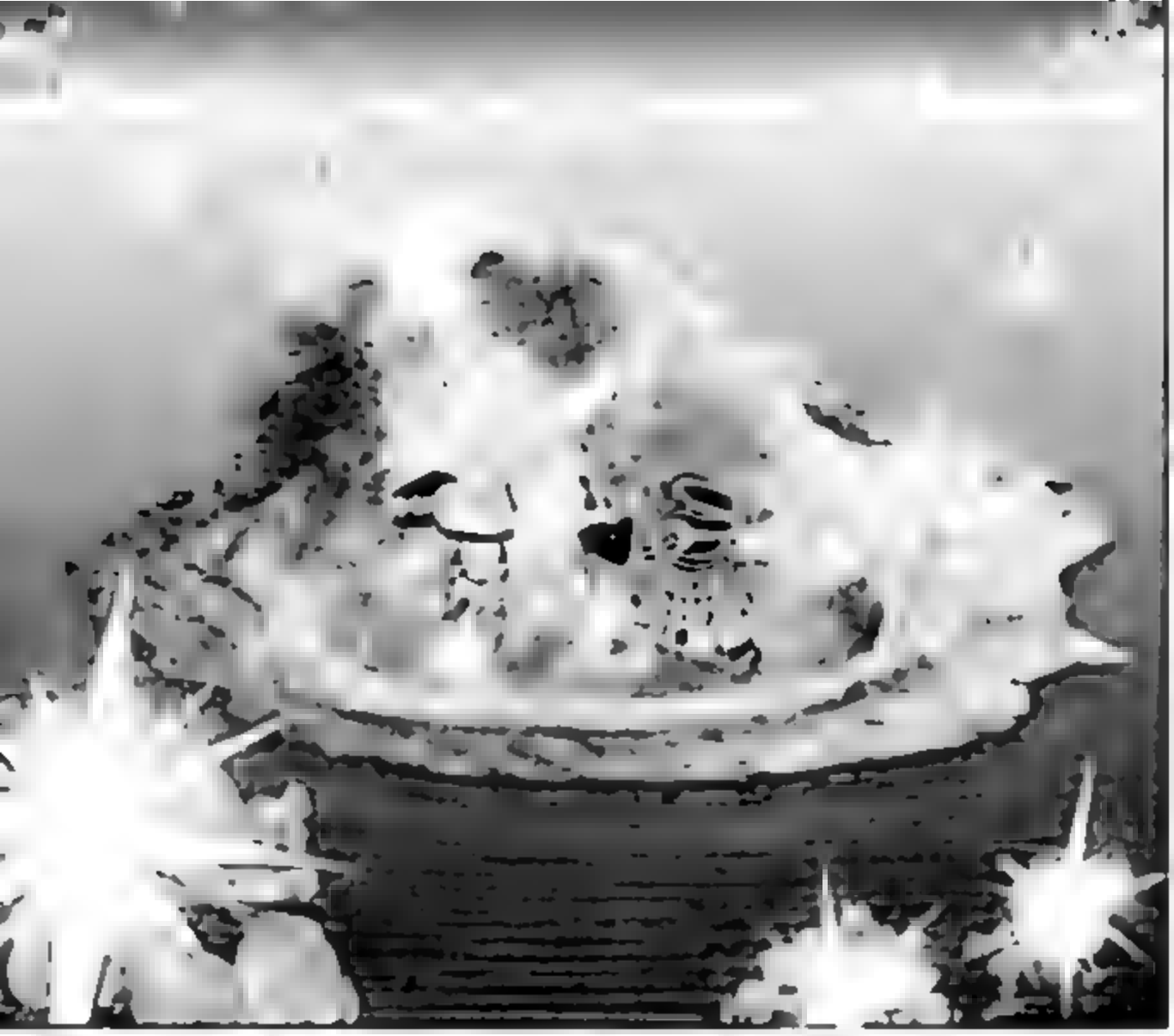
POP
POP
DEAD
DEAD

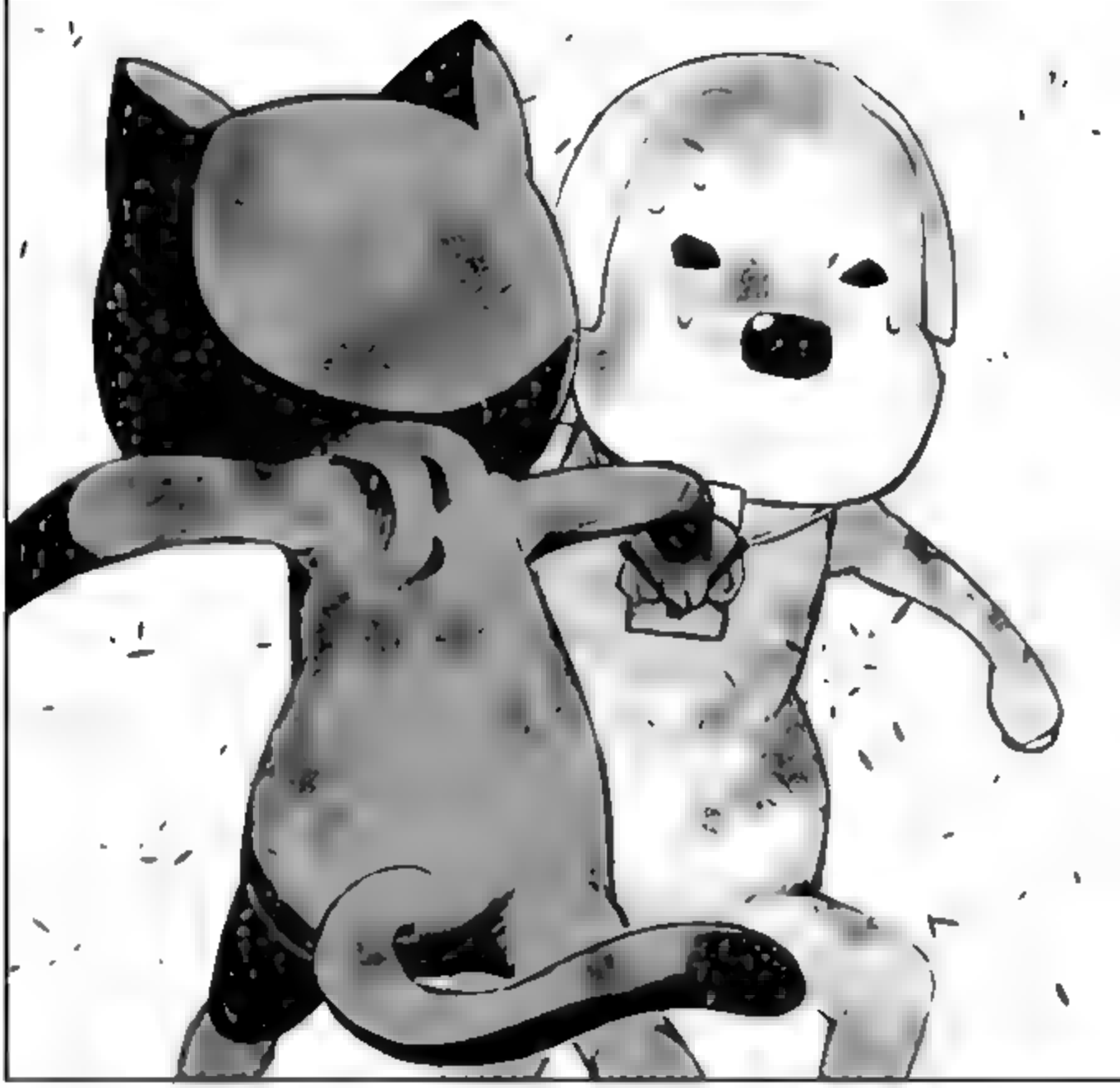
DAH!
GENE-
RAL-
ISSI-
MO!
SEN-
SEI!
VANK
MEOW!
FLASH

DAMN YOU, RASHA-VERAK!


IT'S OVER, KAREL-LAN!


SNAP

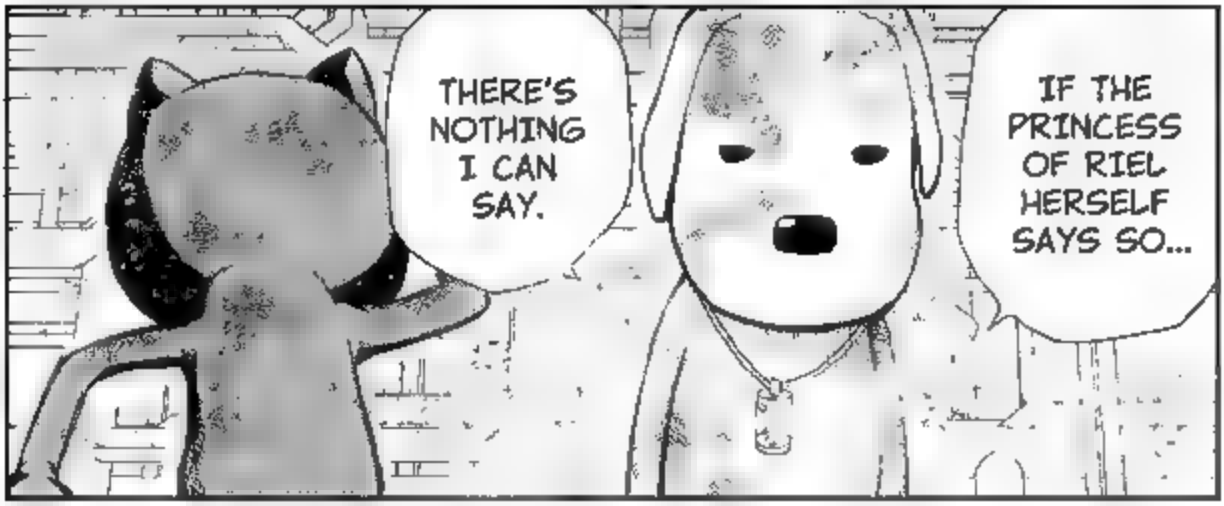


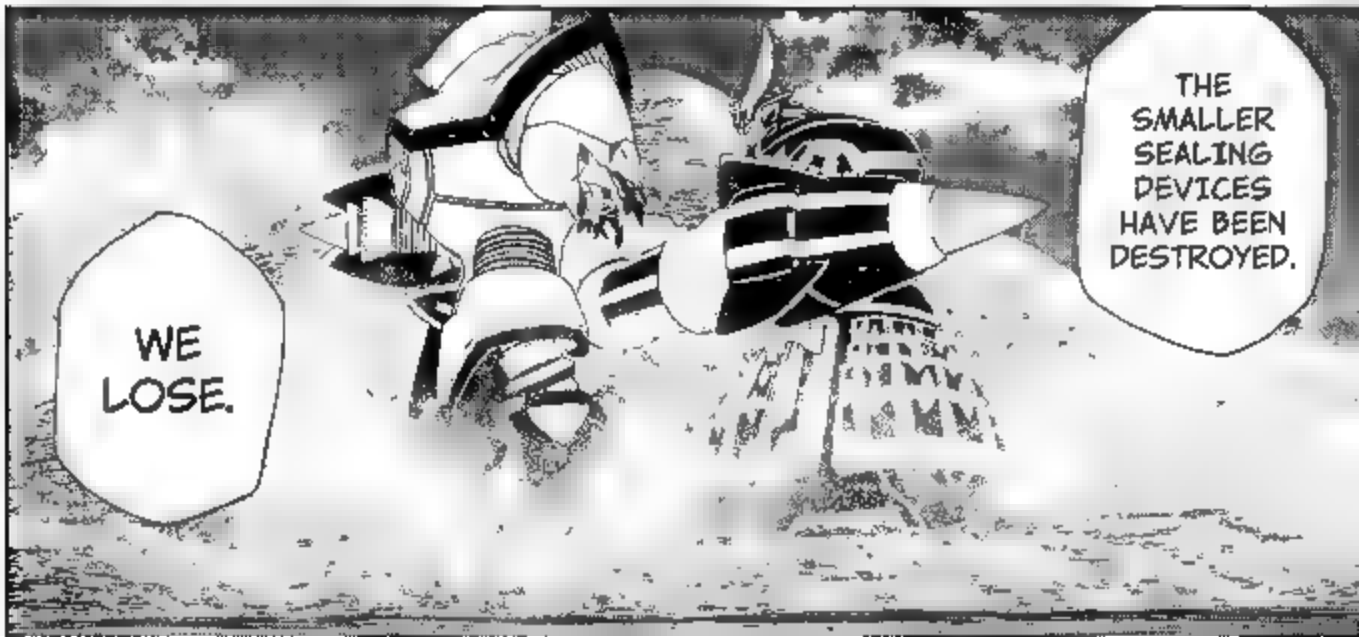


SPARK
SPARK
SPARK

...ANOTHER RIEL OR SIRIUS.
I SWORE I'D NEVER LET THERE BE...
YOU JUST NEED TO WATCH...
AND YOU DON'T NEED TO BE THE ONE TO DIRTY YOUR HANDS.
THUD

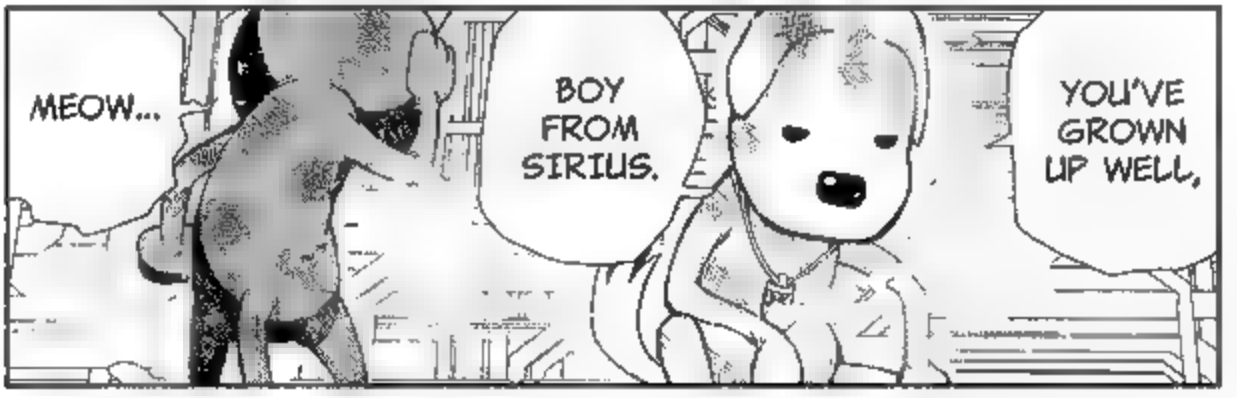
NOBDOY ON RIEL BLAMES YOU,
OR WANTS THIS PLANET SEALED.
YOUR KIND FEELINGS ARE ENOUGH FOR US.
THANK YOU, GENERAL-ISSIMO KARELLEN.
PLEASE WATCH OVER THIS PLANET A LITTLE WHILE MORE.


IF THE PRINCESS OF RIEL HERSELF SAYS SO...
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY.


THE SMALLER SEALING DEVICES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.
WE LOSE.

WOOF?
THE PEOPLE OF THIS PLANET WON'T MAKE THE WRONG CHOICE.
DON'T WORRY.

BE-CAUSE...
YOU SHOWED THEM ALL GENTLE DREAMS.


MEOW...
BOY FROM SIRIUS.
YOU'VE GROWN UP WELL,

GOOD WORK, KUROI-KUN.

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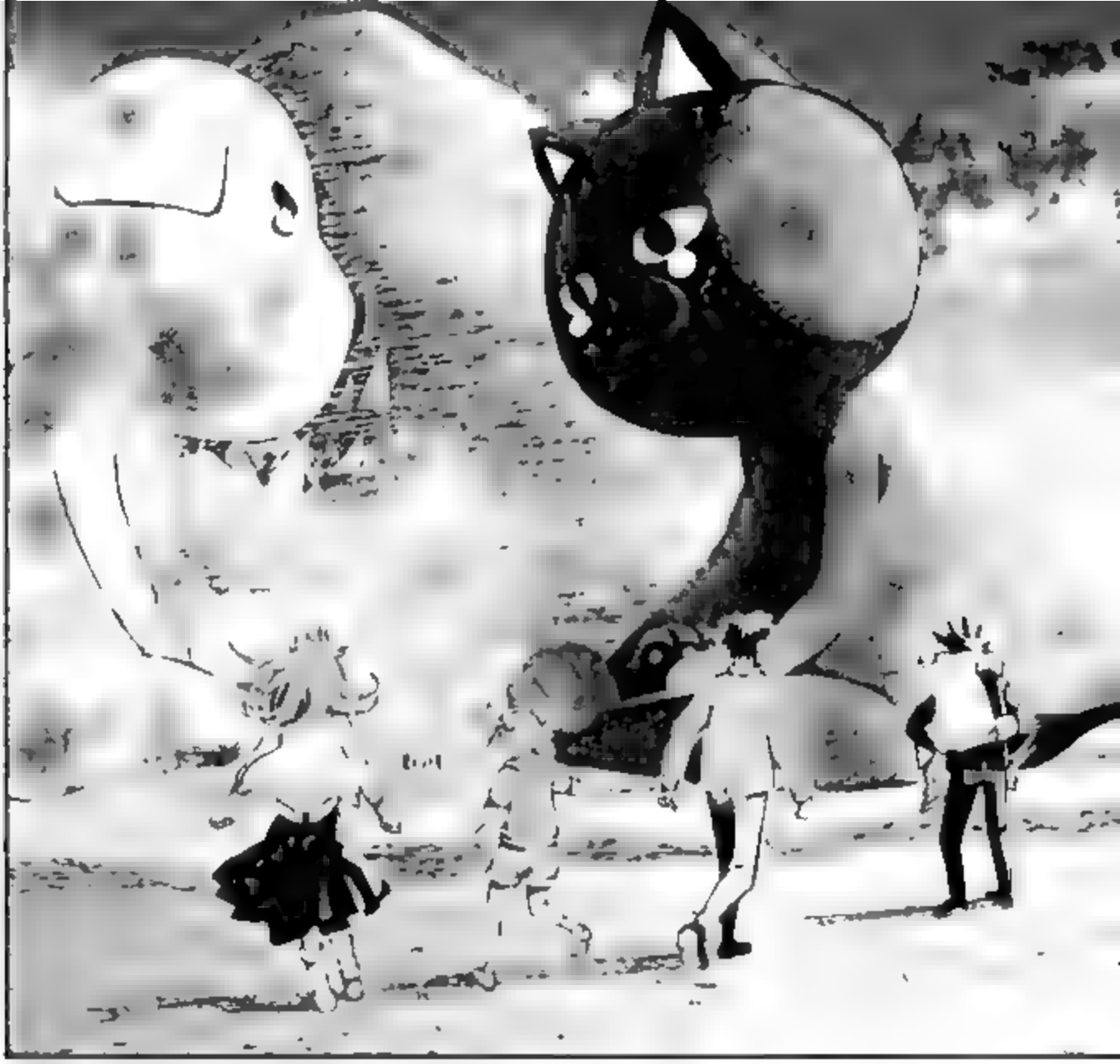
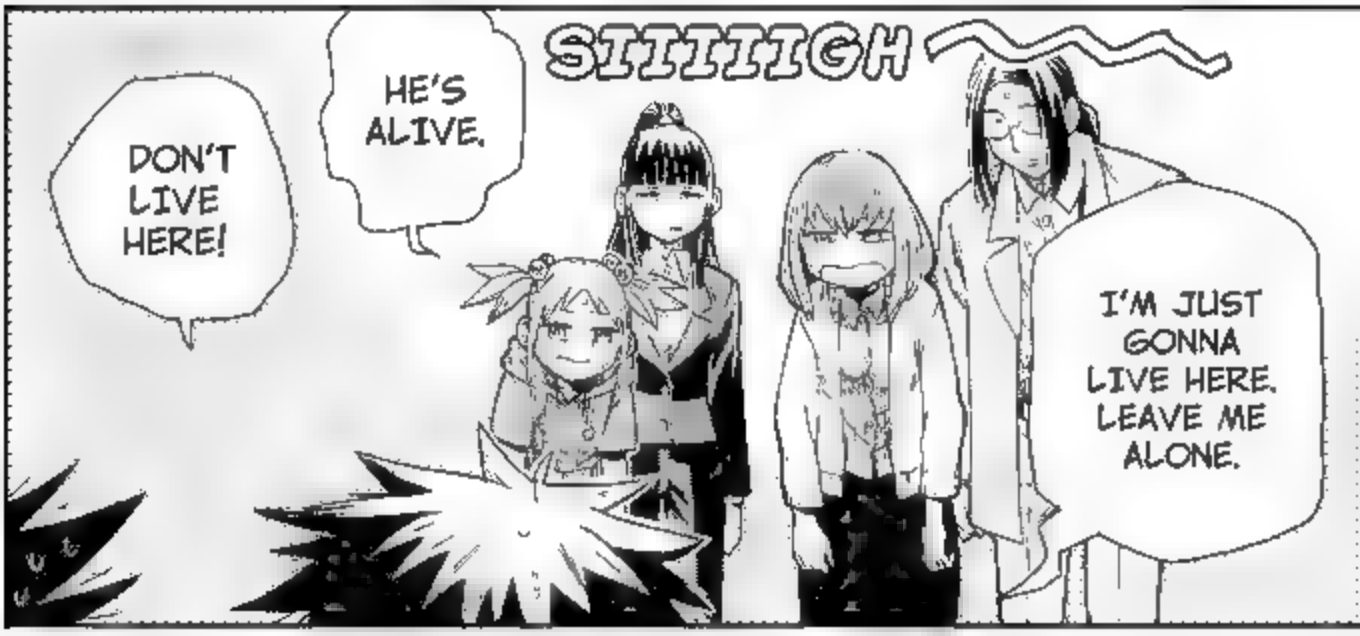


ANSWER ME!

YOU OKAY, OLD MAN?

THIS CAN'T BE.
NO...
...
DON'T TELL ME THE OLD MAN'S...

DON'T HIT ME.
SLAP SLAP
I'M TOO HUNGRY TO MOVE.
HEY, DON'T SLEEP HERE!
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!


SIIIIIGH
DON'T LIVE HERE!
HE'S ALIVE.
I'M JUST GONNA LIVE HERE. LEAVE ME ALONE.

I CAN'T LEAVE THIS WORLD BEFORE MY PARENTS DO, I GUESS.
I'LL BE GOING TO BE WITH MY SENPAI LATER.

HMM?
YOSUKE...

HEY, GOOD WORK, GUYS.
HITSU-JITANI-SAN, TAKA-TORI...
RIGHT.
YEAH...
THANKS.

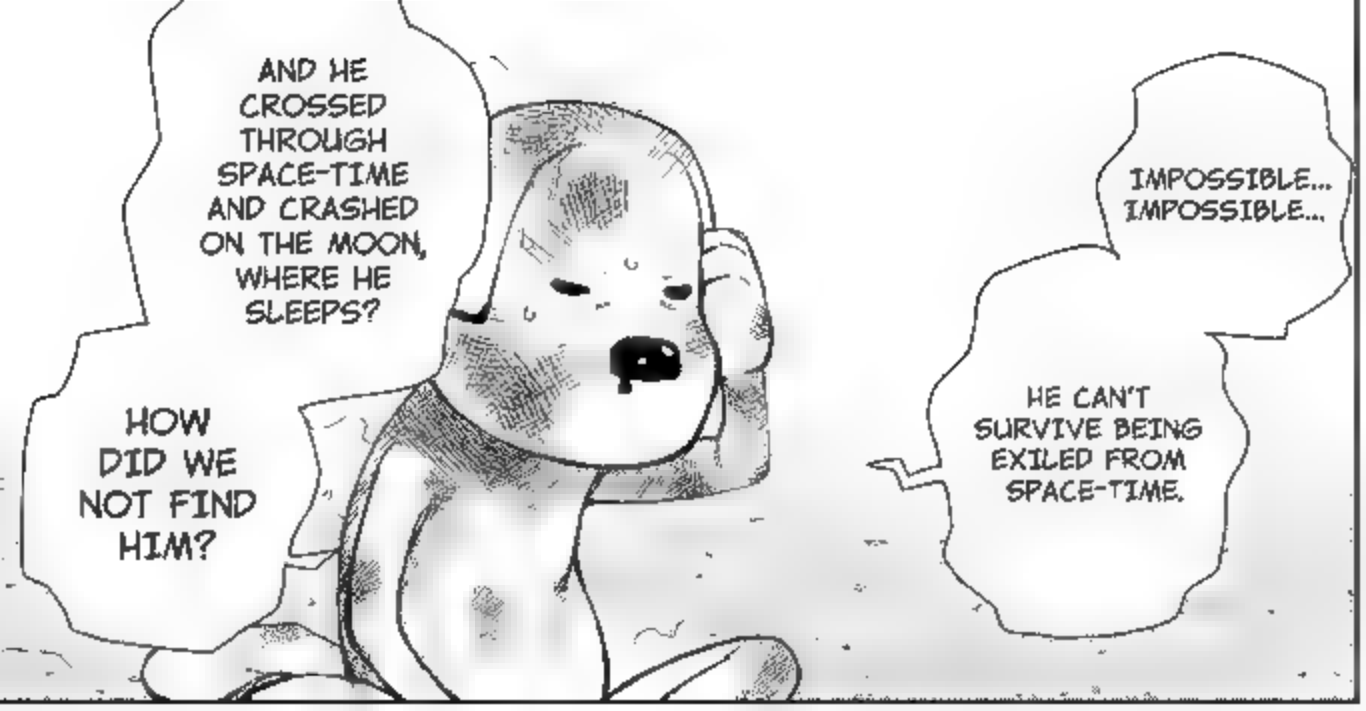
STEP

SOME-BODY'S CALLING YOU.
TORAI-SAN,
HMM?

SO YOU HAVE TO DO WHAT I TELL YOU.
YOU LOST TO ME ONCE,

HMPH. I DIDN'T LOSE.
I DIDN'T EVEN FIGHT YOU.
HUH?
WHAT THE HECK?

THE DRA-GON?
THE ONE THAT DESTROYED YOUR PLANET?
TURN TURN
きょろきょろ
I NEED YOU TO HELP ME BEAT IT.
IN LIKE 4 OR 5 YEARS, I GUESS, THE DRAGON'S GOING TO WAKE UP
FROM WHERE IT'S SLEEPING ON THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON.


AND HE CROSSED THROUGH SPACE-TIME AND CRASHED ON THE MOON, WHERE HE SLEEPS?
HOW DID WE NOT FIND HIM?
IMPOSSIBLE... IMPOSSIBLE...
HE CAN'T SURVIVE BEING EXILED FROM SPACE-TIME.

ASK NEBULA HQ FOR HELP...
WE HAVE TO FIX THE SPACE-SHIP,
MEOW ...
WILL THERE BE TIME?

LIKE HERE? OR HERE?
KUROI-KUN,
IS ONE OF THE PEOPLE OF PARADISE REALLY HERE?

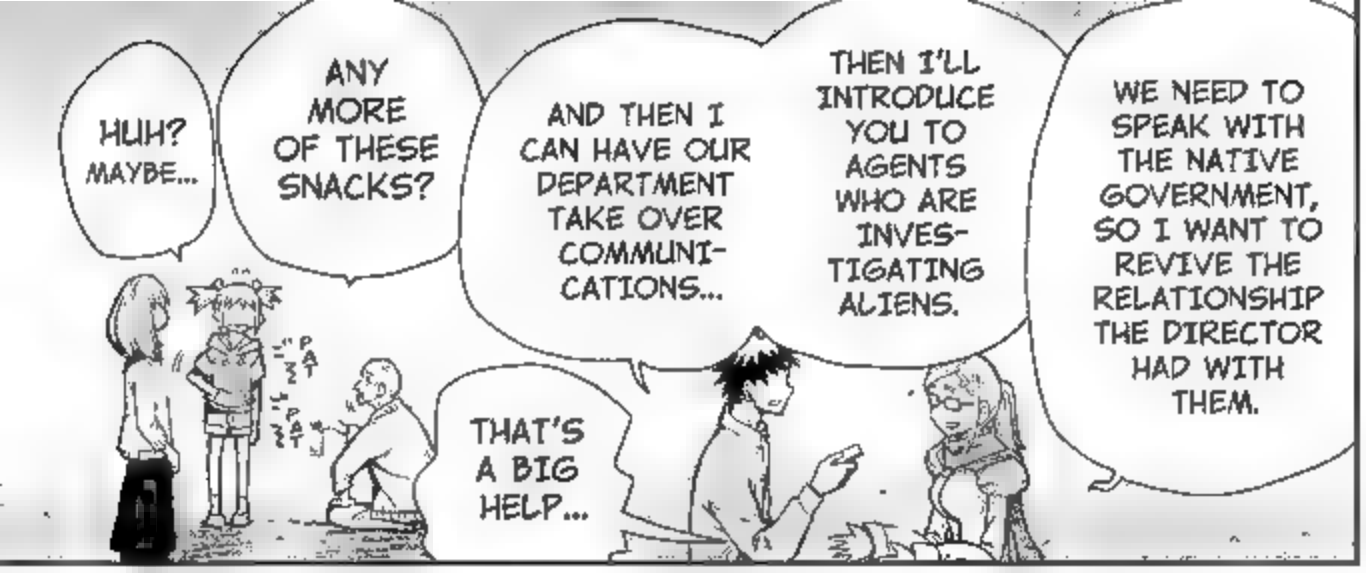
THANKS.

THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH, RIGHT?

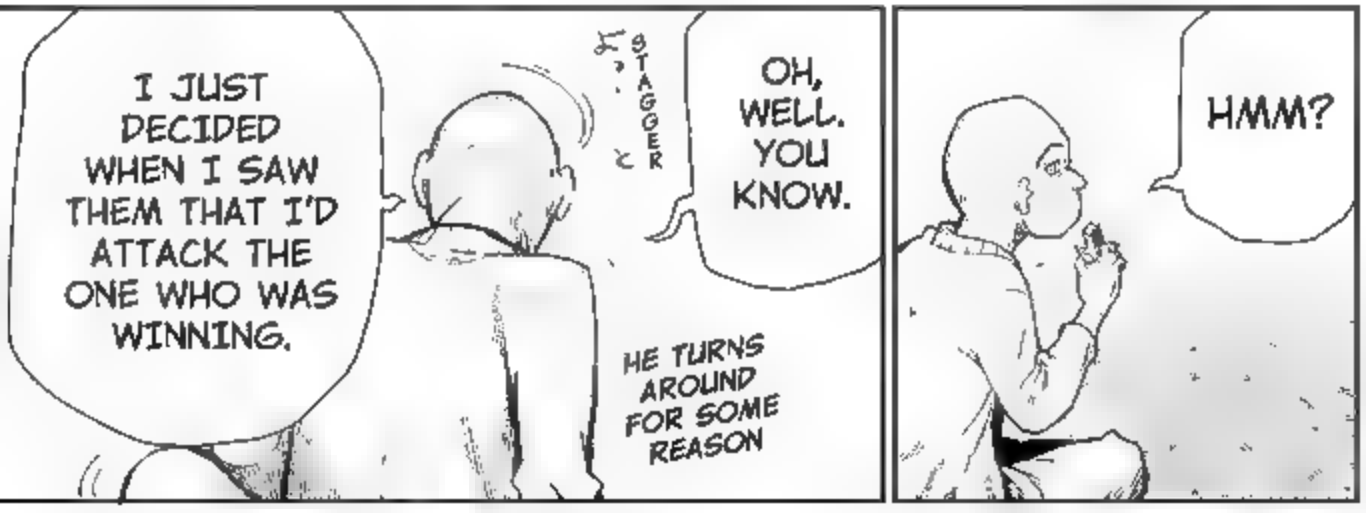
IN 4 OR 5 YEARS, I'LL BE DEAD.
CHEW もぐ CHEW もぐ CHEW もぐ
THAT'S NOT FUNNY, OLD MAN.

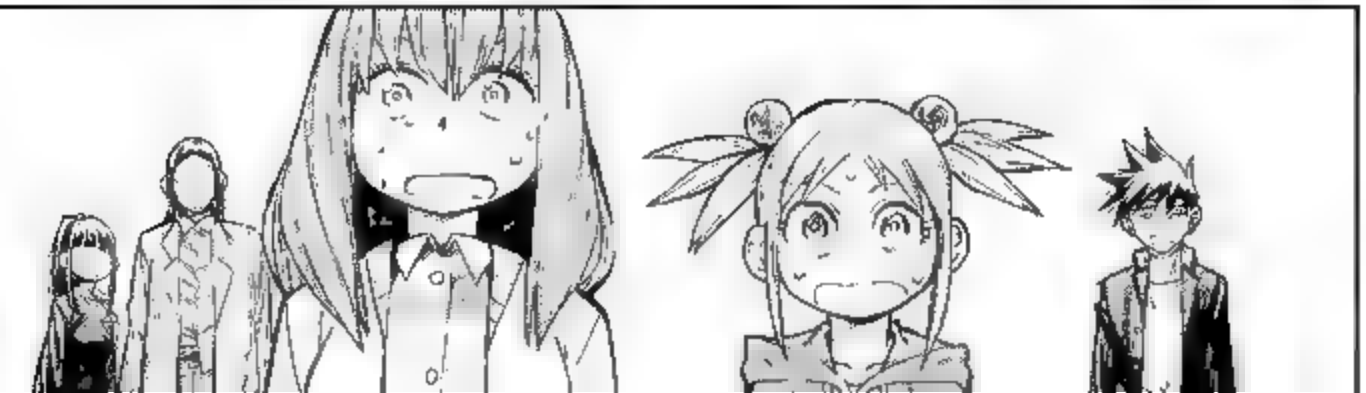
WE NEED TO DO THAT REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE IT EASIER TO NEGOTIATE HELP IN THE FIGHT...
WE HAVE TO REPORT TO NEBULA, INVESTIGATE, FIX THE SPACESHIP... WE NEED TERMINALS, AND WE MAY NEED TO REPAIR WHAT WE'VE GOT
GETTING A COMBAT FORCE TOGETHER TAKES YEARS, SO IF WE DON'T HURRY, WE MIGHT NOT MAKE IT.
4 OR 5 YEARS, HUH?
THAT'S A LONG TIME...
NO, IT'S NOT LONG AT ALL.
SENSEI AND I HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, YOU KNOW?
FOR NOW, DON'T COLLAPSE TILL YOU GET HOME AND TAKE A BATH.
HEY, ANYTHING I CAN DO?

THIS LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY IS JUST TOTALLY DIFFERENT. THEY TRIED TO DETERMINE THE PLANET'S FATE WITH JUST 4 OR 5 PEOPLE. WE NEVER HAD A CHANCE.
AND THE DIRECTOR SAW THIS AND BACKED OFF, HE MADE THE RIGHT CALL.
WHEN WE ALL SURROUNDED THE NEBULA SOLDIER,
INTO THAT POWERFUL-LOOKING ROBOT
I'M AMAZED THIS ROUND-LOOKING SHIP CAN TRANSFORM


HUH? MAYBE...
ANY MORE OF THESE SNACKS?
PAT PAT
AND THEN I CAN HAVE OUR DEPARTMENT TAKE OVER COMMUNI-CATIONS...
THEN I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO AGENTS WHO ARE INVES-TIGATING ALIENS.
WE NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE NATIVE GOVERNMENT, SO I WANT TO REVIVE THE RELATIONSHIP THE DIRECTOR HAD WITH THEM.
THAT'S A BIG HELP...

WHY DID YOU ATTACK THE SEALING FACTION'S WEAPON?
UM, OLD MAN...
もっ CHEW
もっ CHEW
もっ CHEW
...
THANKS.
THAT'S THE LAST ONE. I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE.
CHEW


I JUST DECIDED WHEN I SAW THEM THAT I'D ATTACK THE ONE WHO WAS WINNING.
STAGGER
OH, WELL. YOU KNOW.
HE TURNS AROUND FOR SOME REASON
HMM?



THE WAY ALIENS WERE TRYING TO DECIDE EARTH'S FATE WITHOUT ASKING US.
'CAUSE I DIDN'T LIKE IT, YOU KNOW.
WHY?!
W...

IF THE PACIFISTS HAD BEEN WINNING...
SHOCK
TH-THEN...
I JUST WANTED TO FLIP THE CHESS BOARD.

FREEZE
B-BWA-HAHA!

HAHAHA! AT THE VERY END, YOU MADE FOOLS OF THEM ALL!
WITH THEIR AMAZING TECHNOLOGY, WITH THEIR SUPERIOR CIVILIZATION, NONE OF IT MATTERED...
AHAHA HAHA HAHA!!
IT WASN'T THEM...
HEHEH... I SEE. SO THAT WAS YOUR WAY OF GETTING REVENGE.
IT WAS US EARTH-LINGS WHO DECIDED WHO WON!
MY STOMACH HURTS FROM LAUGHING
HA HAHA... BWAHA HA...
DID SHE BREAK?
B-BENIKA?
COULD THERE BE ANYTHING FUNNIER?
IT WAS EARTH THAT WON.

SO THIS IS WHO EARTHLINGS ARE, HUH?
THEY TOTALLY BEAT ME.
STAGGER
STAGGER
STAGGER
IN THE END...
SALUTE

THE THREE OF US COLLAPSED BEFORE WE GOT THAT BATH.

AND THE SPACESHIP'S TERMINAL TOOK CARE OF US.
SALUTE
I'M TELLING YOU... THIS ISN'T MY ROOM.

SENSEI WAS IN BED FOR A WEEK.
SOYA-KUN, ARE YOU ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL NOW?
I THINK SO.
ON THE 3RD DAY, I WAS ABLE TO MOVE, TOO.

ON THE 2ND DAY, GINKO GOT UP AND STARTED DOING SOME KIND OF WORK.
BATH-ROOM
DRAG
DRAG...

OH, I DIDN'T MAKE YOU A LUNCH TODAY.
HERE'S SOME MONEY. GO BUY LUNCH WITH IT.
HERE

PROBABLY THE MOST DELICIOUS OF EARTH'S FOODS.
A MEAT BUN...
WAIT, YOU'RE EATING BEFORE SCHOOL EVEN STARTS?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING WHILE YOU EAT A MEAT BUN?
KUROI-KUN?

KUROI-KUN, GOOD MORN-ING!
OH!
YOU FEELING BETTER?

THE SEASON'S CHILL WIND...
I EARNED MY REWARD.
AS A WARRIOR WHO HAD FINISHED A JOB,
IT MADE THE WARM TASTE OF VICTORY EVEN SWEETER.
GULP-
YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'RE REALLY ENJOYING IT.

GINKO AND SENSEI WILL BE GETTING BUSIER FROM NOW ON.

THAT BATTLE WAS A BIG TURNING POINT.
BUT TO ME AND THE EARTH-LINGS,

WE HAVE TO GET READY TO FIGHT THE DRAGON,
BUT WE WON'T HAVE TO FIGHT FOR ANOTHER 4 OR 5 YEARS.

FOR NOW...
WE'RE DONE.

THE EARTH, I GUESS.
HMM...

WHO'S DONE?
HUH? DONE?
WAIT, DID I SAY THAT ALOUD?

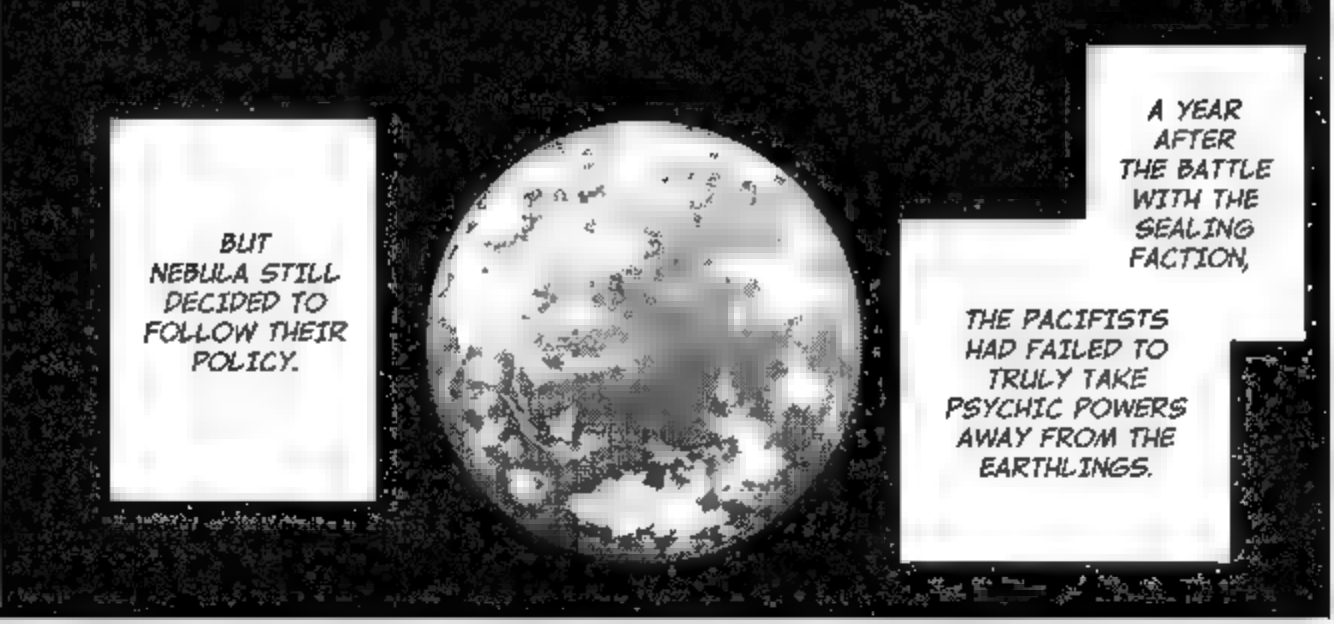
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR POST-GRADUATION PLANS BY NEXT WEEK.
POST-GRADUATION PLANS
1ST CHOICE
2ND CHOICE
3RD CHOICE
WHAT ABOUT YOU, KUROI-KUN?
I'M GOING TO COLLEGE.
POST-GRADU-ATION?
I'M GOING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE.
THIRD-YEAR
SECOND-YEAR
SECOND-YEAR
I HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT ANYTHING...

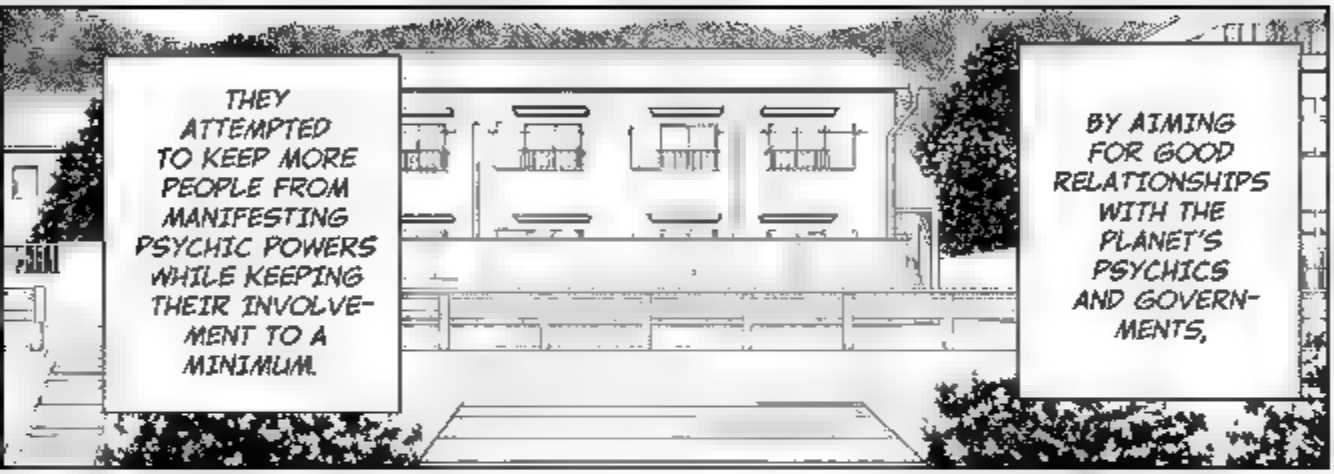
LIFE KEEPS GOING UNTIL YOU DIE.
HMMM
MMMM
IN REALITY, THE CREDITS DON'T ROLL WHEN EVERYTHING IS OVER.

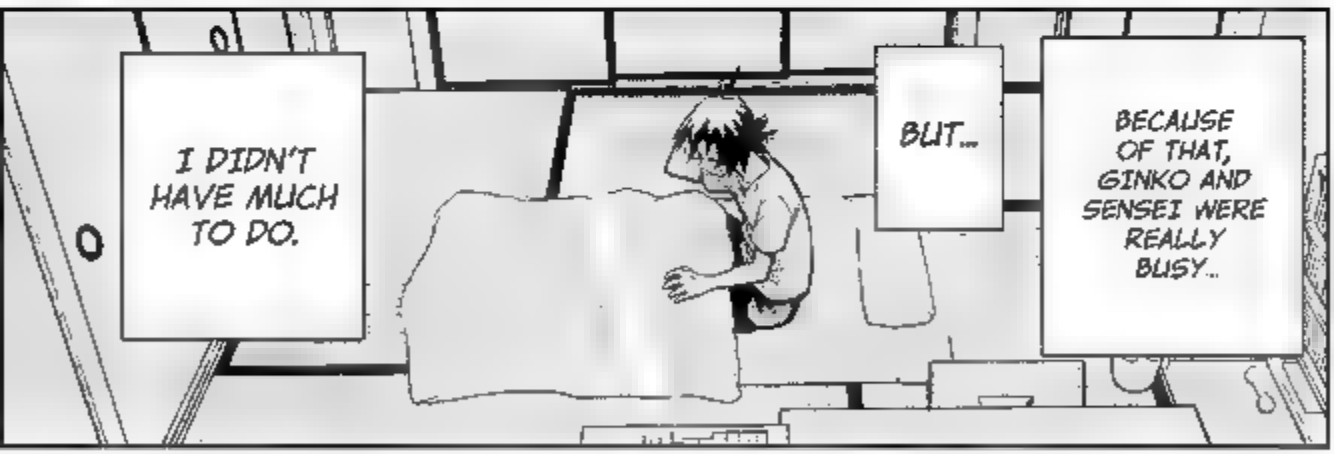
CHEW
CHEW
I RECOMMEND STEM. EARTH TECHNOLOGY IS NOTHING SPECIAL, BUT A BIT OF LITERACY WILL HELP YOU.
THOUGH EVERYTHING THAT'S NORMAL FOR YOU THERE WILL BE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT AT NEBULA.
WHY DON'T YOU GO TO COLLEGE TOO, KUROI-KUN?
YOU'RE GOING TO GET A JOB WITH NEBULA ANYWAY, RIGHT?

WHAT? SHE'S BEEN HERE THE WHOLE TIME.
BRAIN-WASHED
UWAH! SHE'S BACK!
I RAN AWAY FROM WORK.
WAIT, AREN'T YOU BUSY?

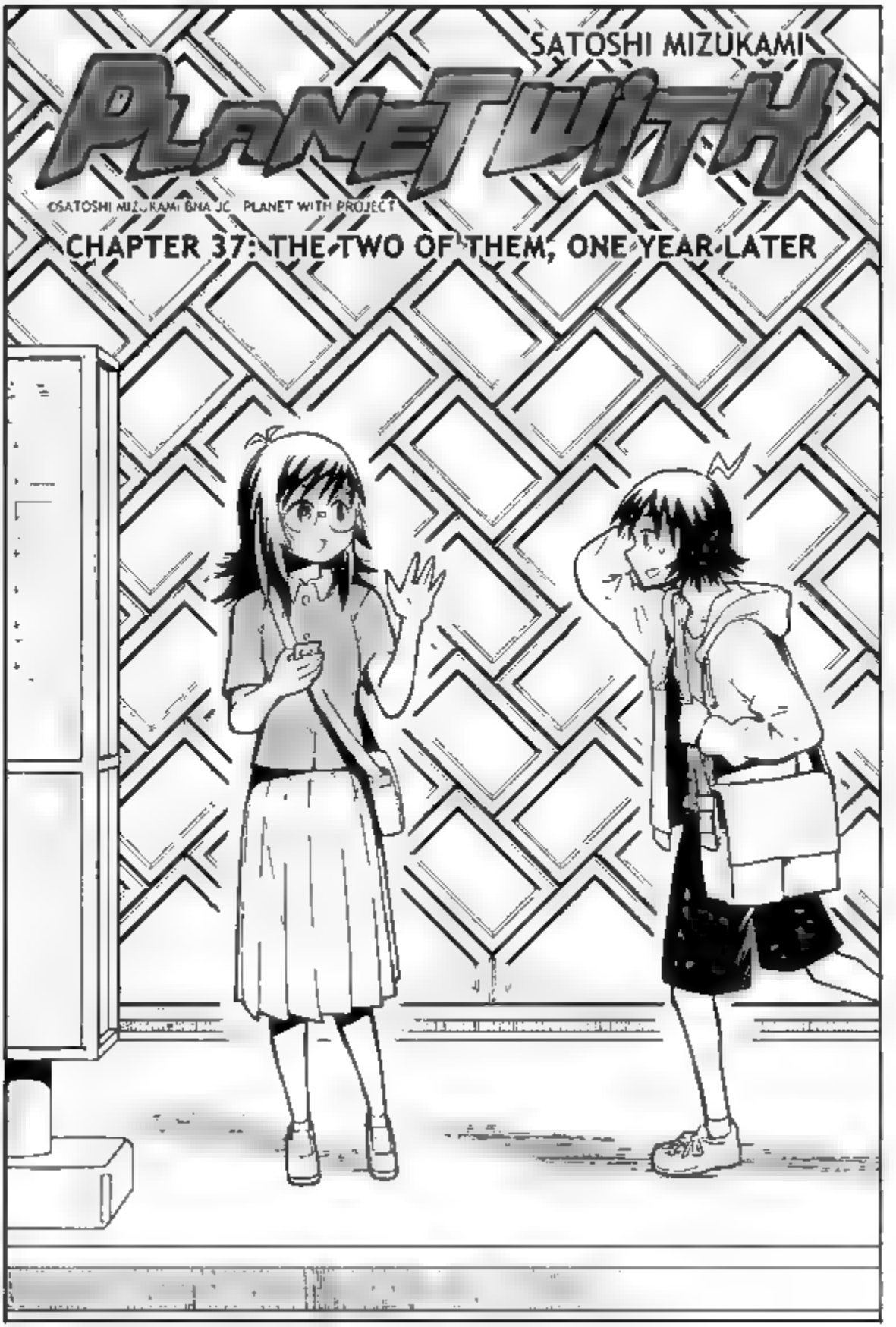
OUR LIVES CONTINUE ON.
I SEE... HE'LL BE MAD WHEN HE WAKES UP, THEN.
OH, HE COLLAPSED FROM OVERWORK AGAIN.
ISN'T THAT GENERAL-ISSIMO GUY (DOG?) GONNA BE MAD?


A YEAR AFTER THE BATTLE WITH THE SEALING FACTION,
THE PACIFISTS HAD FAILED TO TRULY TAKE PSYCHIC POWERS AWAY FROM THE EARTHLINGS.
BUT NEBULA STILL DECIDED TO FOLLOW THEIR POLICY.


BY AIMING FOR GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PLANET'S PSYCHICS AND GOVERNMENTS,
THEY ATTEMPTED TO KEEP MORE PEOPLE FROM MANIFESTING PSYCHIC POWERS WHILE KEEPING THEIR INVOLVEMENT TO A MINIMUM.


BECAUSE OF THAT, GINKO AND SENSEI WERE REALLY BUSY..
BUT...
I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TO DO.

YAWN...
MORNING.


SATOSHI MIZUKAMI
PLANET WITH
©SATOSHI MIZUKAMI BNA JC PLANET WITH PROJECT
CHAPTER 37: THE TWO OF THEM, ONE YEAR LATER

HUH? WHERE'S SENSEI?
ABOARD THE SPACE-SHIP.
MOR-NING.

IT'LL TAKE A LITTLE MORE TIME, PROBABLY
NOW EAT UP BEFORE IT GETS COLD!
OH... DO WE THINK WE CAN FIX IT?

HUH? THERE'S NO NATTO TODAY.
LET'S EAT...

NOM...
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE REAL MEAT.
FRIED GINGER PORK? WAIT... THIS LOOKS EVEN MORE REALISTIC THAN USUAL.

?!

B-
BEEF
?
NO, OF COURSE NOT

NOPE.
PORK!

IT'S NOT. LOOK.
RUSTLE
MEAT!
B-BUT THIS IS MEAT! GINKO, THIS IS...

GULP
MMMM,
MMMM...

SOY-BASED MEAT
OR SO
TA-DAH.

I JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS STUFF AND BOUGHT SOME ONLINE.
THINKING ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS PLANET'S CUISINE AND RIEL'S MADE MY HEAD HURT, SO I NEVER REALLY BOTHERED TO LOOK INTO IT
S-SOY-BASED MEAT?
HUH? SOY? THIS IS SOY?
SOY-BASED MEAT
DRIED
IT FELT JUST LIKE MEAT IN MY MOUTH.

BUT PROMISE YOU'LL STOP PUTTING SAUSAGES IN THE FRIDGE.
SURE.
W-WOW...
KEEP FEEDING IT TO ME EVERY DAY.

IF YOU CAN'T PROMISE THAT, THEN NO SOY MEAT FOR YOU!
YOU CAN BE A PAIN SOME-TIMES...
AND DON'T TELL ME YOU ATE MEAT. IT MAKES ME LOSE MY APPETITE.
FINISH EATING THEM BEFORE YOU COME HOME.
I-IF I DON'T PUT THEM IN THE FRIDGE, WHERE DO THEY GO?
UH ー?

GOOD. NOW EAT AND GET GOING.
FINE, GOT IT. I PROMISE.

IT'S AN OPEN CAMPUS THING!
NOT A DATE! WE'RE GOING TO VISIT A COLLEGE.

TODAY'S YOUR DATE WITH NOZOMI -CHAN, RIGHT?

I SEE...
AND ANYWAY, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED THIS MORNING.

MOST OF THE SPECIES IN NEBULA DON'T, ACTUALLY. THEY SAY THEY DON'T THINK OF IT AS FOOD. IT MAKES THEM FEEL SICK.
HER CULTURE DOESN'T EAT MEAT THEN, HUH?

I GUESS IT'S REALLY WEIRD TO THEM.
ARRIV NG AT UNIVERSITY GATE! ARRIV NG AT UNIVERSITY GATE!
OH, ALREADY? IT'S REALLY CLOSE BY BUS.
A DATE, HUH?
WHAT?
NOTH-ING...

KUROI-KUN, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO GO SEE?
APPLIED MATHEMATICS IS MY MAIN ONE, AND I WANT TO CHECK OUT ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY, TOO.
OKAY, I'LL BE TAKING A LOOK AT THIS SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY CLASS.

ALL RIGHT, LET'S MEET UP IN THE MAIN HALL LATER.
I'LL TEXT YOU WHEN IT'S OVER.
OKAY.
BYE.
YOU SHOULD JUST GO WITH YOUR GIRL-FRIEND...
BUT HERS IS PRETTY FAR FROM MINE...
AND SHE'S NOT MY GIRLFRIE...

...WHEN YOU SEE AN UPPER-CLASSMAN.
YOU SHOULDN'T FREAK OUT...
HEY.
UWAH!
Y-YOU!

HEH.
OW! M-MY SHIN ...

HEE-YAH!
SMACK

NO WAY.
U-UPPER-CLASSMAN? YOU'RE IN COLLEGE?

MY NAME IS KUMA-SHIRO HARUMI!

Y-YOU TOO...
YOU'RE COMING TO OUR COLLEGE, HUH, KUROI-KUN?

OW! OW! OW! WHAT IS GOING ON?
CRACK
くキ
YOINK!
HOW DID YOU DO THAT?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
YOU CAN CALL ME HARUMI-SAMA.
HOI!
WELL, WHATEVER. LET ME BORROW YOUR THUMB FOR A SECOND.
RUSTLE RUSTLE
WHAT? DID YOU PUSH SOMETHING WITH IT?
I'M INABA MIU! CALL ME PRINCESS MIU!
I WON'T! YOU'RE NO PRINCESS!
WE TEACH THEM A LOT.
WE WELCOME NEW-COMERS!
STARTING THIS SPRING, YOU'LL BE JOINING THE JUDO CLUB.
IF YOU GET INTO THIS COLLEGE, THAT IS.
LIKE HOW TO RESPECT THEIR BETTERS.
UH...
YOUR CLUB APPLI-CATION.
CLUB APPLICATION
I AM APPLYING TO JOIN THE JUDO CLUB

THEN WE'LL HAVE YOUR GIRLFRIEND JOIN INSTEAD, MAYBE?
LISTEN, THAT PAPER CAN'T ACTUALLY MAKE ME COME, YOU KNOW?

NO, UM...
SHE REALLY IS YOUR GIRL-FRIEND, THEN.

NO! WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO NOZOMI-SAN?

WE CAN SHOW HER A WHOLE NEW WORLD.

HAHA, SORRY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "THAT"?
HARU-CHAN, STOP. YOU'LL MAKE HIM THINK THAT WE'RE LIKE "THAT."

HUH? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

SEE YOU! MAKE SURE YOU COME TO THE JUDO CLUB. I'M SURE YOU'VE GOT THE TALENT FOR IT.
BYE, KUROI-KUN! HAVE A GOOD LOOK AROUND THE PLACE!

SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
NO, NO!

REALLY ?
T-TALENT ?

I BET TORAI-SAN HAD AN AWFUL TIME WITH THEM.
WHAT A NASTY PAIR THEY WERE.
MAYBE I'LL GIVE UP ON THIS COLLEGE...

STUDENT HALL
I'M GONNA DO MY BEST TO GET INTO THIS SCHOOL!
THERE ARE SOME GREAT TEACHERS HERE!
IT WAS GREAT!

STUDENT HALL
YEAH...
OH, THEN LET'S BOTH DO OUR BEST TO GO HERE, HUH?
OH, UM... IT WAS GOOD, THE PARTS I SAW.
HOW WAS IT FOR YOU, KUROI-KUN?

I DON'T KNOW THE REASON EITHER,
BUT GINKO INSISTED WE EAT HERE TOGETHER AND GAVE ME SOME MONEY.
KUROI-KUN, WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
UM... I DON'T MIND EATING BEFORE WE GO HOME, BUT...

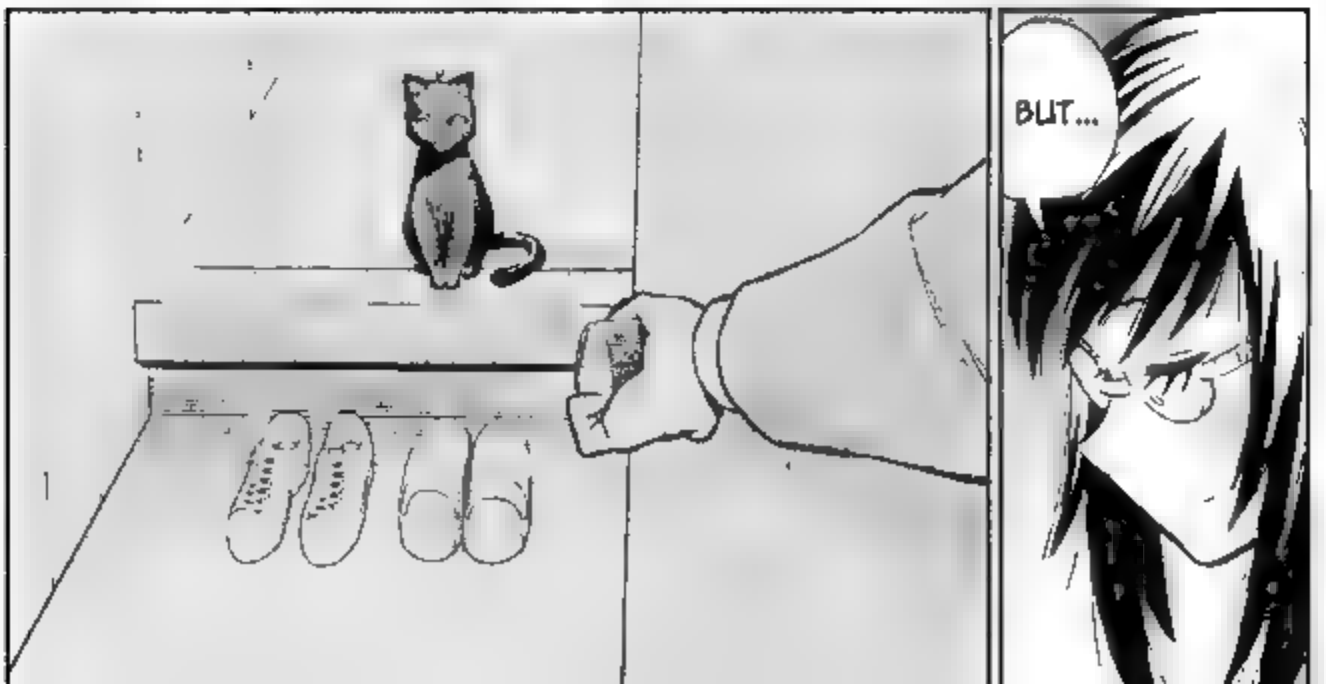
AND THIS, TOO!
EXCUSE ME! I'LL HAVE THIS AND THIS AND THIS!
OKAY, I'LL TAKE THIS...
OH, NO, DON'T TELL ME... SOY MEAT? CHICKEN-FLAVORED, PORK-FLAVORED... FISH-FLAVORED?
SHAKE SHAKE
OH, WOW...
HMM... TAIWAN VEGETAR-IAN?
LOOK AT THIS. THE MEAT ISN'T MEAT.

ENJOY YOUR MEAL!
HERE YOU GO!
THIS REALLY ISN'T MEAT?
OH, WOW...
NOM, NOM, NOM... IT'S SO GOOD!
LET'S EAT!
THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL!
THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL!
THANKS FOR COMING!
IT WAS GOOD, WASN'T IT?
MAN, I'M SO FULL. THAT WAS A LOT OF FOOD.

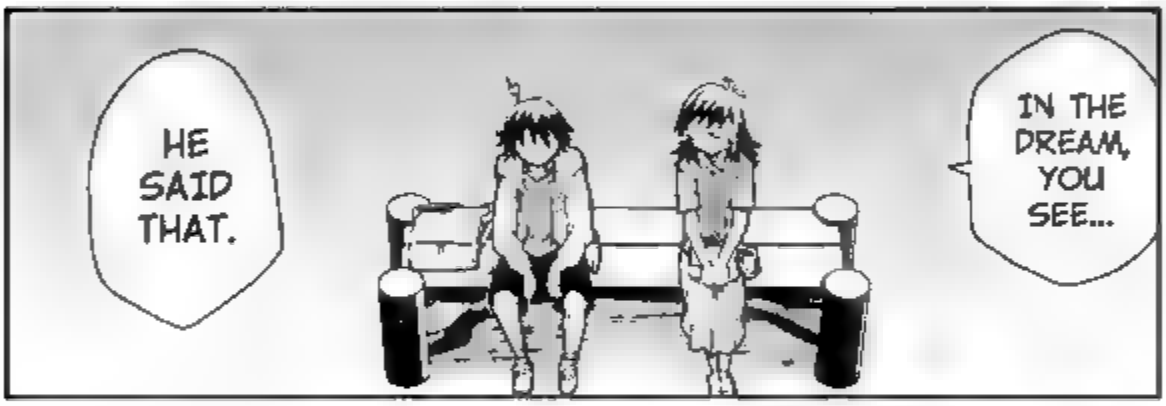
KIND OF FEELS LIKE A D-DATE, HUH?
BY THE WAY, GOING FOR A WALK IN THE PARK AT NIGHT AFTER DINNER...
I-IT WAS SO GOOD, YOU'RE CRYING.
IT WAS DELICI-OUS...
IT'S BEEN A WHOLE YEAR SINCE THEN, HUH?
HUH? SINCE WHAT?
HEH.
D-DA...
DA...
AND A LOT OF PEOPLE HAD THEIR PERSONALITY CHANGE, LIKE NEZUYA-SENPAI.
IT'S BEEN A WHOLE YEAR, AND SOME PEOPLE STILL HAVEN'T WOKEN UP.
SINCE THE GLOBAL MASS COMAS.
HIS WENT BACK TO NORMAL, THOUGH.

IT'S AMAZING THAT IT DIDN'T CAUSE A SINGLE ACCIDENT, EITHER.
I WONDER WHAT'S HAPPENING TO EVERYONE.
ARE THE ONES WHOSE PERSONALITY CHANGES, OR WHO ARE STILL ASLEEP, STILL BEING SAVED BY THEIR DREAMS?

ME TOO, WHEN IT HAPPENED ...
I DREAMED OF A CAT I USED TO HAVE.
WE WERE SO CLOSE.
BUT THEN HE DIED
HE WAS SO MANY YEARS OLD.


BUT...

HE SAID HE'D ALWAYS BE BY MY SIDE.


HE SAID THAT.
IN THE DREAM, YOU SEE...

WHEN YOU TRANS-FERRED HERE.
HEHEH. YUP. THAT'S THE ACTUAL REASON I STARTED TALKING TO YOU
TH-THE CAT WAS?

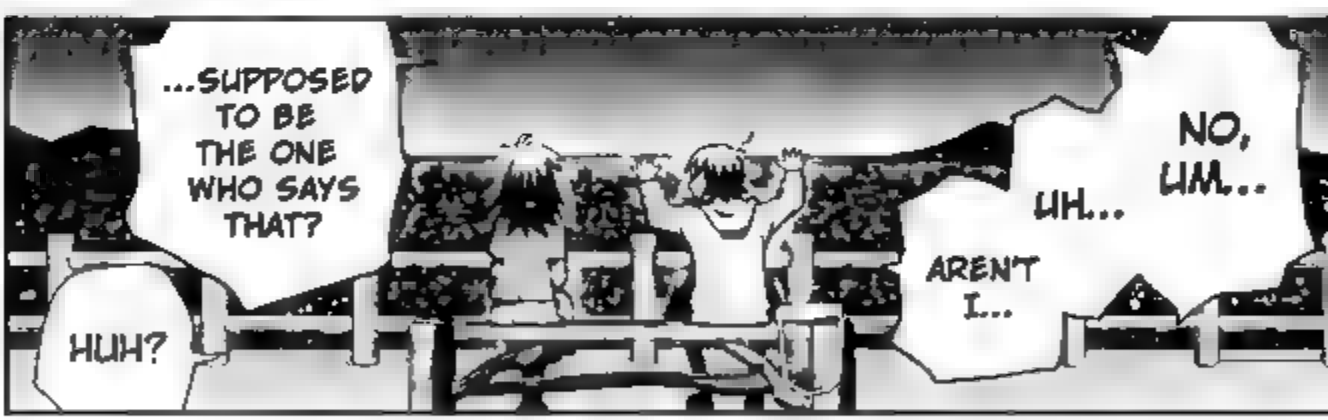
OH...

...LIKE YOU, YOU KNOW.
HE WAS KINDA ...

THERE'S A DIFFERENT REASON.
BUT NOW...
すー INHALE
はー EXHALE
I...
LIKE YOU.
I LIKE SOYA KUROI-KUN.

UM, WELL...
AH! S-SORRY!

UM... YOU HAVE ANOTHER GIRL YOU LIKE?
THAT WAS A REAL FAST AND ENERGETIC ANSWER.
WOW


...SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONE WHO SAYS THAT?
HUH?
NO, UM...
UH...
AREN'T I...

YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE POWER TO FIGHT, BUT YOU STILL TRIED TO PROTECT ME.
NOZOMI-SAN, YOU...
YOU GAVE ME A PLACE TO BELONG.

I THINK YOU'RE AMAZING.
I RESPECT YOU.
I-I...
I LIKE YOU TOO, NOZOMI TAKAMAGAHARA-SAN...
W-W-W...
W-WE SHOULD GO OUT.
GRAB
YEAH!
I LOVE YOU!
UWAH!

BLIGH

PANT PANT

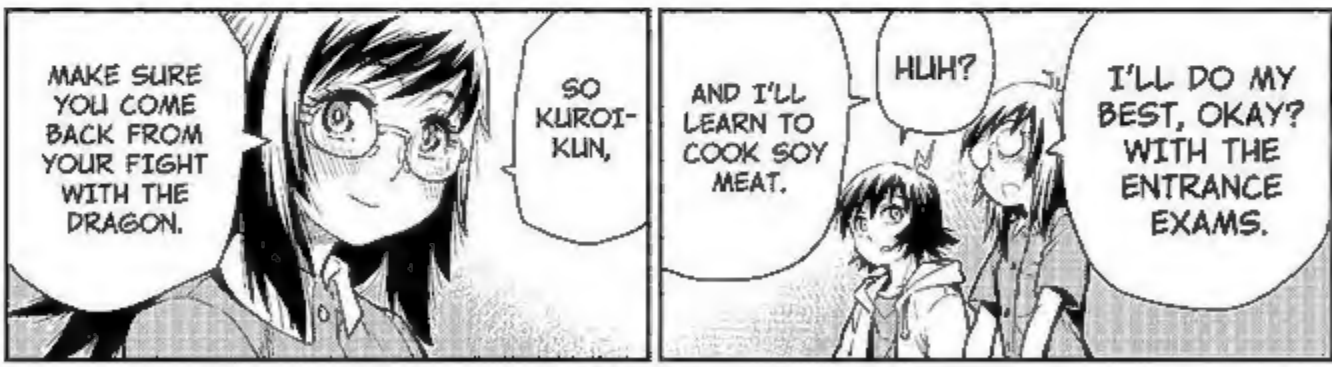
U-UM, IT'S TOO SOON TO START HUGGING!

W-WE SHOULD EXCHANGE DIARIES FOR A YEAR.

E-EXCHANGE DIARIES? NOBODY'S DONE THAT FOR YEARS!

THERE'S ...
A RING OF LIGHT IN THE SKY.
HUH? WH- WHAT?

AND HE'S STARTING TO PREPARE FOR THE WAR WITH THE DRAGON.
IT'S SENSEI...
NEGOTI- ATIONS WITH NEBULA HQ WENT WELL,
WOW! IT'S SO PRETTY.


MAKE SURE YOU COME BACK FROM YOUR FIGHT WITH THE DRAGON.
SO KUROI- KUN,
AND I'LL LEARN TO COOK SOY MEAT.
HUH?
I'LL DO MY BEST, OKAY? WITH THE ENTRANCE EXAMS.

YEAH.

HMM? WAIT. MAKE REGULAR MEAT INSTEAD.
BUT IT'S HEALTHY... AND IT TASTES GOOD.
COME ON, PLEASE? WAIT, I GUESS I CAN MAKE IT MYSELF.
BUT WILL GINKO LET YOU USE THE KITCHEN?
YEAH, PROBABLY NOT.
HEHEH...

I WANT TO LIVE, AND SOMEDAY, SHOW NOZOMI-SAN SIRIUS.
EVEN IF IT'S JUST AN EMPTY WASTELAND RIGHT NOW...
AND MY LIFE WILL GO ON AFTER-WARD.
IN FOUR YEARS, I'LL FIGHT THE DRAGON.
BUT I HAVE A LIFE TO LIVE UNTIL THEN.

...WHEN GINKO'S NOT AROUND?
WHY AM I EATING FAKE MEAT...